

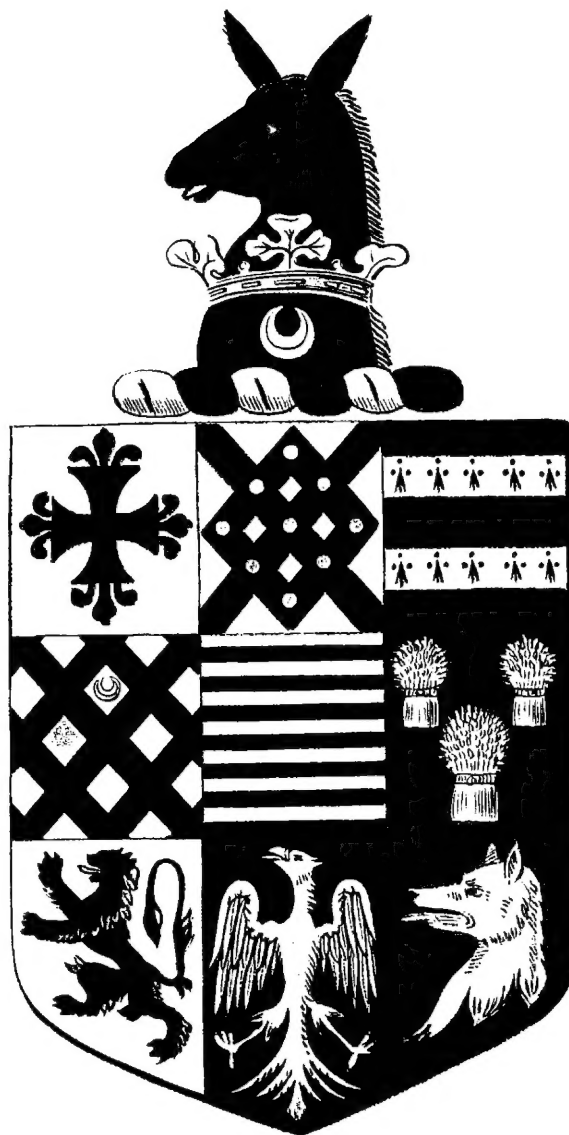
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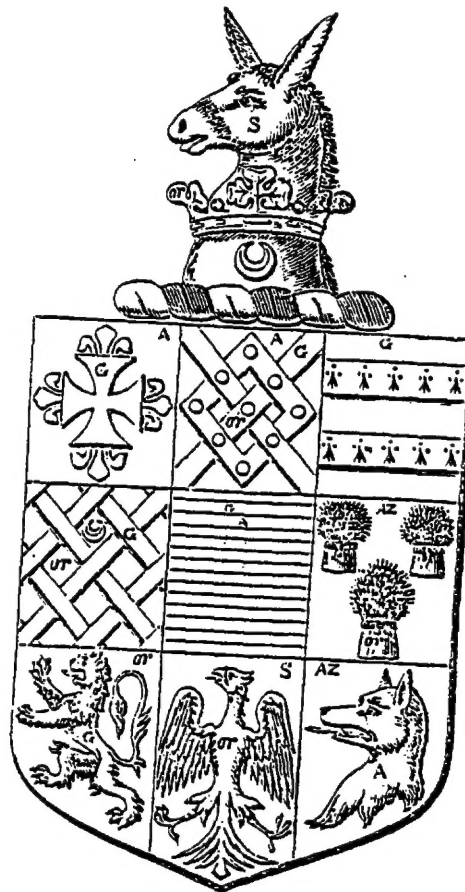


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FOREWORD

I "take my pen in hand" to introduce the reader and earnest researcher to information about Trussells which later students of genealogy may seek. When at the time of our wedding, Mary Kathryn Trussell to Henry James Rhodes, Jr., October 18, 1947, I received a letter of inquiry from R.B. Trussell, Houston, Texas, about my lineage, I should have known I should jump into genealogy wholeheartedly. Later, upon learning from Irene Trussell Williams, a guest at our wedding, that Adolphus Ferdinand Trussell, my uncle, had urged her to find out all she could about Trussells as she would be interested and surprised, I most certainly should have seen "the handwriting on the wall."

Mrs. Irene Trussell Williams and Mrs. Don Trussell Greenman from the line of John and Elizabeth Johnson Trussell of Lauderdale and Neshoba County, Mississippi, and later of Bradley County, Arkansas, began to research in 1960 in Washington, D.C. While they had access to National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the Daughters of American Revolution Library, Irene researched and Don typed. Irene was stationed there with her husband, Lt. Col. T.J. Williams, while Don was an employee of Civil Service prior to her marriage to Webster Greenman.

Irene had previously researched with Colonel John B.B. Trussell concerning Trussells in England. This history owes a debt to material from him.

Also, Linden W. Pierce, Rome, Georgia, has shared his thorough research freely.

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THE JOHN TRUSSELL FAMILY HISTORY

CHAPTER 1: VIRGINIA

This long-term research effort must be recorded. We have attempted to establish that John Trussell (7) (1819-1890), Sumpter, Bradley County, Arkansas, is a direct descendant of John Trussell (1) who came to Virginia in 1622, servant to Thomas Pawlett. The latter name is spelled Paulet or Paulette in some records.

Trussell is variously spelled Trussel or Trustle.

According to land records in England, Pawlett appears to have been neighbor to the Trussells, which could explain why John (1) signed on as servant to Pawlett. Even though the word "servant" is used, his actual relationship may have been more like an apprentice.

From English Genealogy by Richard Wagner, p. 249, comes this information: John Trussell (1)) came to Virginia on the Southhampton in 1622 aged 19. The son of James Trussell, clothworker of London, John entered his pedigree and arms with nine quarterings at the Herald's Visitation of 1634. (The Herald's Visitation took place in the colonies as well as in Great Britain.)

Sprung from a younger branch of an old knightly family in Cheshire and Warwickshire, John Trussell (1) was a second son of a second son as is read on the coat of arms. He was not eligible to inherit property. He came to Virginia where he remained with Thomas Pawlett at West and Shirley Hundred, Charles Cittie and later at Westover from approximately 1622 to 1625. By 1635, John Trussell (1) was granted 200 acres in Elizabeth City County, Virginia, on the Back River, which was renewed in the name of John Graves.

John (1) was a burgess for Northumberland County, created such in 1644, where he patented land in 1649. This area earlier was called Chickacoan because it was an Indian settlement where disaffected Protestant Marylanders, who didn't agree with Cecilius Calvert, Lord Baltimore's Roman Catholicism, were fugitives. Because the Chickacoans refused to pay taxes to Virginia, only spasmodic representation could be had until in 1648 Captain Francis Poythress, who commanded militia north of the

York River, was ordered to collect taxes in arrears. In October 1649, Captain Poythress and John Trussell (1)

represented Northumberland County.

Again serving as a burgess in 1651, 1654, and 1655, John (1) was justice in Northumberland County in 1653. Men who served as burgesses were required to sign an oath of loyalty to the Cromwellian government. On April 3, 1652, John signed the Northumberland Oath: "Wee whose names are subscribed doe promise and engage ourselves to be true and faithful to the Commonwealth of England as is now established without King or House of Lordes." Mr. Linden Pierce's source for this is Woodford B. Hackley, "The Northumberland Oath, 1652... Deeds and Orders 1650-1652," The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. XLIX, No. 1, Jan. 1941, pp. 33-35.

John Trussell (1) became a lieutenant colonel in 1655, and in 1659 he became presiding justice of Northumberland County. He died 21 May, 1660. That date is established by Anna Russell des Cognet's book, Wm. Russell and His Descendants p. 184. He left a widow, Mary, and children Elizabeth (2), who married Matthew Roden (Rohdam, Rhodam); Anna (2); and John (2).

The will of Col. John Trussell (1) dated 24 September 1659 from Northumberland County Order Book 1652-1665, p. 119, was partially destroyed by either fire or time. The words "sonne William", however, can be seen in the preserved part. William was not named in the quoted paragraph from Cyclopedea of Virginia Biography by T.G.Tyer. He presumably had predeceased his father. A Claughton was a witness. The will was probated July 20, 1660.

For years Mary, widow of John (1), was thought to be an Attowell. Another monstrous error regarding Mary concerned her second marriage to a Robert Gooch. In 1992, Mr. James F. (Johnny) Lewis, late genealogist of Kilmarnock, Virginia, asked the county clerk to carefully photocopy Northumberland County, Virginia, Record Book 1658-1666, p. 52-A. It can be plainly seen at the bottom of the page: "I Mary Sech do hereby authorize my loving brother James Claughton my lawful attorney." Cosigners with her are her husband, Robert Sech, and John Coutanceau. Robert Sech preserved land for a later generation. The day is obliterated, but the "December 1660" is legible. (See Appendix)

Can we place blame on W.G. Stanard "Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents" in The Virginia

Magazine of History and Biography for the year ending 1897 or on Meyer and Dorman Adventurers of Purse and Person, Virginia 1607-1625 for having misled Trussell and Hudson researchers into thinking Mary Claughton married a Gooch? How can a major error be corrected by a simple tract such as we are printing?

In the above-mentioned agreement by Sech and Coutanceau, we learn John Trussell (1) sold land to James Claughton in 1652, who sold the said land to John Coutanceau and Robert Sech. Thus Robert Sech owned land which had been part of John's (1) original patent.

Very little is known of John Trussell (2), although he is mentioned in Col. John Trussell's will as being under age. Elizabeth, his wife, was the daughter of John Chinn, Lancaster County, Virginia. Irene Williams learned these relationships from Mr. Lewis B. Cralle, Callao, Virginia, when she made a visit to research in Northumberland County in 1962. The known children were Elizabeth (3), Robert (3), John (3), and William (3)).

From Northumberland County 1678-1713 Virginia Colonial Abstracts Series II, Volume I, Lindsay O. DuVall, we have this record: John Trussell (2) court January 1694/5 p. 682; "John Trussell (2) deceased, died intestate leaving diverse children and his relict and widow hath since his decease married with Henry Hatson/Hudson. Hatson and Elizabeth, his wife, late Elizabeth Trussell, widow of ye said deceased to exhibit an inventory."

William Trussell (3), court 19 November 1706 on p. 765 of the same book aforementioned, chose Henry Hudson guardian. The will of Henry Hudson, dated 16 January 1716, names William Trussell (3) as one of three administrators; the others are his sons.

The late Robert Sech played a major part in the land reversion which allowed John (3) to have land to sell. "John Trussell (3) to Thomas Barecroft conveys land on King's Creek granted to Col. John Trussell (1) and sold in 1652 to James Claughton, who sold to John Coutanceau and Robert Sech. Said land was divided between said Coutanceau and said Sech, the latter receiving 50 acres which in 1683 he deeded to Robert Trussell (3), son of John Trussell (2), but if said Robert Trussell (3) should die without issue, the said land would come to John Trussell (2) father of said Robert Trussell (3). From that John Trussell (2) father of the said Robert (3) the land descended to John Trussell (3) party of the first part,

his son and heir.” Carolyn H. Jett wrote the last words in Records of Northumberland County Virginia, “index and will abstracts 1710-1713,” p. 47, entry 141. The land was sold 20 September, 1711. Lindsay O. DuVall transcribes in Virginia Colonial Abstracts: “John Trussell (3) and his now wife acknowledge a deed of indenture for Land unto Thomas Barecroft. Thomas Barecroft and Martha his now wife acknowledge a deed of Indenture for Land unto John Trussell (3).”

Information from Colonel John B.B. Trussell adds from The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography Vol. 4 pp. 75-76 “conveying to Thomas Barecroft acreage on King’s Creek which falleth into Cone River being a part of the patent formerly granted to Colonel John Trussell (1).”

Court July 16, 1712 p. 789 John Trussell (3) and his wife Jane acknowledge a deed of Indenture unto Thomas Miller, Jun.

From Beverly Fleet, “Northumberland Co. Record of Births 1661-1810,” Virginia Colonial Abstracts Vol. I, pp. 87, 107: George Trussell (4) son to John (3)) born 21 November 1710. Matthew Trussell (4) son to John (3) born October 19, 1715. Jane, John’s (3) widow, married John Harding September 18, 1717. According to Mrs. William’s notes, they moved to King and Queen County, Virginia.

At this juncture, we pause to concede that no line of descent can be proved. Only the deeds make it possible to prove that John (3) is grandson of John (1).

The William (3) who chose Henry Hudson as a guardian in 1706 (at 14, one could choose) was born ca. 1692. When he was executor of Henry Hudson’s will in 1716, he was approximately 24. Is he the same William whose property is appraised 13 February 1748? Quite likely the same William is involved. The name Claughton first seen as a witness for John (1) is prominent again in the inventory for William (3). William (3) and Richard and John Claughton were probably third cousins.

Is the other William Trussell (4) a son of William (3)? He is the administrator of William’s (3) will and as such would have to be 21 years of age. His birth date could be no later than 1727. This record is in Northumberland Record Book 1747-1749 p. 260 - a record book of wills.

Also, Colonel John B.B. Trussell, a collaborator with Mrs. Williams on the English portion of the Trussell lineage, raises the question about the William Trussell (4) who married Mary Braughton 11

September, 1770, in Northumberland County, Virginia. Is he the same William (4) who was William's (3) administrator? In Virginia Colonial Abstracts, Northumberland County, Vol. 3, p. 107, Beverly Fleet, we find: "John Trussell, son of William and Mary born March 6, 1771." This is not John (5) because John (5) was born sometime between 1740 and 1760.

At this point in the narrative, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Greenman would likely say, "We know that all of the material included cannot be verified as a direct line. However, the information of the descent of the three Johns in the Virginia records is correct. In addition, subsequent references to Trussells need to be included to furnish help to other researchers as well as to provide pegs on which we can hang our descent." Any serious researcher considers the proximity of the families, the common Christian names, and the known history of the region. In Virginia a blossoming spirit of independence plus the burgeoning families prompted settlers to move westward to gain land.

One interesting aside has to do with yet another John Trussell in Virginia. Dated 28 February 1754, in Northumberland Wills and Administrations 1753-1756, Record Book #3, p. 100, is a Memorandum saying "John Trussell the 25th day of this instant in my presence declared that he freely gave the Bed that he then lay on to his sister, Hannah Trussell, with all the furniture thereunto belonging. The said John Trussell departed this life this day being the 28th of this instant. (Signed) Thomas Everitt."

At a court held for Northumberland County the 13th day of May, 1754, this noncupative will of John Trussell deceased was presented in court by Samuel Harrison and being proved by the oath of Thomas Everitt is ordered to be recorded.

Teste Thomas Jones Jun^r Ct. Cur. Record Book 3, p. 100

Whether the above John Trussell is the father of Rodham Trussell (who is mentioned on the next page) is uncertain; however, the date and the possibility that the Hannah mentioned in the estate of John Trussell, Order Book 5, p. 236, Northumberland County, Virginia, is the same Hannah who got the bed leads one to believe that John who died 28 February, 1754, is the same John who is the father of Rodham.

An inventory of the estate of John Trussell, 8 July, 1755, Order Book 3, p. 126, Northumberland County, gives Mary Trussell, widow, as administrator. The estate of John Trussell, Order Book 5, p. 236,

includes these words, "Cash paid by my wife, Mary Rice, to Hannah Trussell judgement and cost." "Cash by John Payne" sworn to by Richard Rice.

Later we read: "Rodham Trussell, orphan of John Trussell to Richard Rice, guardian" in Order Book 5, p. 462, 14 September, 1761; in addition, "Rodham Trussell to Richard Rice, guardian" Order Book 6, p. 96. Furthermore, Order Book 6, Northumberland County, Virginia, give "Richard Rice married Mary, widow of John Trussell, 10 August, 1762."

Two accounts are made to Richard Rice: one - Order Book 6, p. 262, 9 August, 1763 - for schooling, slaves, etc.; the other - Order Book 6, p. 477, 10 August, 1764 - for accounts. The accounts are noteworthy.

to Richard Rice, overseer	564 lbs. tobacco
Mary Rice	565 lbs. tobacco
Rodham Trussell, rent	583 lbs. tobacco
Charge to Rodham Trussell	
schooling	100 lbs. tobacco
board and clothing for	
self and slaves	447 lbs. tobacco

One hardly knows how to determine what happens next, but Court Order, 8 June, 1767, Book 7, p. 89 Northumberland County, Virginia, reads, "Account settled between Richard Rice, former guardian to Rodham Trussell, orphan of John Trussell, deceased, amount due from Richard Rice to Isaac Richardson, guardian, of Rodham Trussell." This case was proved 29 June, 1767.

This point may be the proper time for underscoring the use of Northumberland County court records, order books, books of deeds, and wills. The court house is located in Heathsville, Virginia.

We cannot connect the John Trussell who left his bed to Hannah to John (1), John (2) or John (3). Neither do we know what happened to the little boy born to William (4) and Mary Braughton Trussell in 1771.

Whoever the father of John (5), James (5), William (5), and Matthew (5)) is, we have been unable to determine. John (5) had to have been born ca. 1740 to be able to enlist at age 15 or 16 in the early battles of the French and Indian Wars. Either George (4) or Matthew (4) would fit the time frame.

CHAPTER 2: SOUTH CAROLINA

Information from a diary, "11 day of May, 1770", provides the first date that establishes continuity with our direct line in the Trussell family. In James Madison Trussell's (7) "Diary" - as it has come to be called - he writes: "My Father James Trussell (6) was born in Frederick County Virginia the 11 day of May 1770 And was brought up in Chester District (now County) South Carolina." The entire, invaluable memoir is included in the appendix.

James's father, James (5), with two of his brothers, William (5) and Matthew (5), settled in Chester District, South Carolina. Another brother, John (5), "went with the Virginia blues, under Washington in 1755 to the Indian War or Braddock's defeat and never returned to Virginia and was not heard of anymore. My grandfather Trussell was descended from English parents...."

We can safely assume that James's (6) father was named James (5) since the 1790 census of Chester County includes James Trussell (5), listed between Thomas Jenkins and John Colvin, who has 3 white males over 16, 4 white males under 16, and 4 white females (figures include heads of families). In the same 1790 census, William Trussell (5), listed between John Gore and John Liles, includes 1 white male over 16, 1 white male under 16, 7 white females and 2 slaves. Another William Trusle, listed between William Britton and William Rainey, includes 1 white male over 16, 0 white males under 16, 2 females, and no slaves. As every genealogist knows, the 1790 census was the first official one taken over the then organized states.

James Madison Trussell's (7) "Diary" states, "My father's mother's maiden name was Asher and of Virginia birth." James (5) married Sarah Asher in Culpeper County, Virginia. Evidence to support this truth is found in John Asher's will, dated 28th September, 1796, and proved 18th June, 1798. It is found in Will Book D, p. 217, Culpeper County, Virginia. Both Sarah Trussell and Susannah Trussell are among the heirs. James's (5) and Sarah's (5) children are as follows:

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| 1. James (6) (1770-1860) | 5. John (6) (sometimes referred to as Asher (6)) |
| 2. Matthew (6) | 6. Rachael (Kelly) (6) |
| 3. William (6) | 7. Susannah (Euton) (6) |
| 4. Benjamin (6) | 8. Sarah, Junior (Harris) (6) |

When James Trussell's (5) estate file Chester County, South Carolina, Order Book B File No. 66-1024, p. 199 lists that he died intestate, we find a citation notifying those concerned in the appointment of an administrator for this estate was read by William Woodward in the face of a congregation, 21st December, 1792. The file includes an administrator's bond signed by Sarah x Trussell, 24 January, 1793. James Timms and John Trussell were bondsmen. Possibly John is a nephew.

James Trussell (5) , Chester District, South Carolina, died February 7, 1793. An appraisal of his estate was made 9 February, 1793, by Richard Evans, Jeremiah Grissom, and William Trussell (5). Debts were owed to the estate by David Coleman, Richard Evans, John Trussell, William Trussell, Allen De Graftenrind, Sampson Roland, James Trussell, and John McClurkin.

The sale of James Trussell's (5) goods was held 16 October 1794. The buyers were Sarah Trussell, the widow; Matthew Trussell; Joseph Liles; Hugh Boner; Thomas Rainey; Thomas Fletcher; John Trussell; William Trussell; Samuel Walker; Jacob Tillra; Daniel Trussell; John Rainey; James Trussell; James Kennedy; John Lucas; John Trussell, Jr., and Joshua Gore.

In the 1800 census of Chester County, South Carolina, Sarah Trussell is listed between John Pratt and Thomas B. Franklin - 1 male between 10-16, 2 males between 16-26, 1 daughter less than 10, 1 daughter 10-16, 1 female 45+. In that census, James Trussell (6) has two sons less than 10, a male is 26-45, and one female is 26-45 years of age. James (6) has married his Betsy.

One of the four whose father we do not know, Matthew (5), married Frances Franklin, daughter of Thomas Franklin and Priscilla (who was probably a Rogers according to Mrs. James Crowder of Chester, South Carolina). He probably died in the early 1790's. In the file of James Trussell (5), File 66-1024, is the following paper:

"19 November 1800 - Patty Trussell (6) orphan of Matthew Trussell, deceased, chooses Amos Timms, Jr. to be her guardian." The guardianship bond is also in the file and states that Patty Trussell (6) is about 20 years of age. Therefore, Timms was chosen as her guardian after she was named in Moses Grissom/Grisham's will, Book B p. 98, signed 16 October 1800. Her given name was Martha.

After Grissom/Grisham's death her mother, Frances, married a man named Night/Knight.

William (5), the brother of James, Matthew, and John of Virginia Blues fame, married Susannah Asher. If the notation by number 10 in Mrs. Eugene Davis's list of deeds may be taken literally, he was a sadler, (sic). In his will signed 7 November 1803, William Trussell (5) of Sandy River area names:

Suckey - my wife

"...All my plantation, my moveable estate and my two negroes, Benjamin and Hannah."

Children:

Mary (6)
Rachel (6)
Sucky (6)
Elizabeth (6)
Milley (6)
John Trussell, son and executor (6)

Richard Evans	(John Kennedy)
John Evans, Jr.	(Samuel Evans) Witnesses
	(Moses Evans)

On 24 October 1807, William (5) deeded land to Daniel Trussell. On April 23, 1808, William (5) deeded his plantation to Elizabeth (6) and Milley (6) on condition that they "care for Mary (6) and their mother Susannah for the rest of their lives."

John (6), the executor for William (5), may have moved to Greene County, Alabama, ca. 1815-1826. Annis is the name connected to him as wife. One researcher has William as the oldest child; another shows Henry born 1803.

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| 1. William (b. in South Carolina 1806) | 5. Daniel (b. in South Carolina 1815) |
| 2. Susan (b. in South Carolina 1809) | 6. George (b. ?) |
| 3. John (b. in South Carolina in 1810) | 7. Lucinda (b. 1822) |
| 4. Henry (b. in South Carolina 1813) | 8. Nancy N. (b. 1824) |

Susannah Trussell's (5) estate was administered in File 67-1048, Chester, South Carolina. 10 November 1828 is the dated citation which had been read 16 November 1828 at Sandy River Meeting House by Abner Fant that Susannah Trussell had died intestate. Although seven legatees were quoted as having received, not one was named. (File 67-1048 can be found at the S.C. Historical Society in Columbia, S.C.)

A most earnest and thorough researcher, Mrs. Eugene Davis, of Jackson, Mississippinow deceased, marked Trussell deeds of Chester County, South Carolina,

1. *James B-52 1788 (5) Mortgage
2. *John E 120 1795 (6) no dower
3. *William H 387 1801 (5) part of land grant
4. *Sarah H 31 1797 I, Sarah, widow -- unto my beloved children Asher, Sarah and Susannah
5. Martha I 93 1802 (6) To my brother, James Gresham, son of Frances Knight (formerly Gresham)
6. A deed on the same page of a Mary Franklin gives to Frances Knight's daughter, Martha Trussell, some property.
7. *Matthew N 8-230 1807 (6) Signed by Matthew (6), William Kelly (Rachael Trussell) (6), John Trussell (6), James Trussell (6), Benjamin Trussell (6), Sarah Trussell (5), William Trussell (6), Sarah Trussell, Jr. (6), James Euton and Anna Euton (6).
8. *Matthew etal M 7 1805 Wherein Matthew (6), William Kelly and Sara Trussell give deed to land belonging to James Trussell, deceased. Named as heirs of James (5) are Sarah Trussell, wife of the aforesaid James, and William (6), Benjamin (6), James (6), Anna (6) and John Trussell (6), all heirs of James.
9. *Benjamin (6) - Asher (6) To Benjamin (6), Susannah (6), Sarah (6), James Eweton,),
N 360 1808 Asher (6), legacies from James Trussell (5), deceased
10. *William (Sadler) (5) To his two daughters Elizabeth (6) and Milly Trussell (6)
N 457 1808
11. *John N 463 1808 Dower signed by wife Annys or (Annis)
12. *Susannah (5) N 463 1808 Wife of William Trussell (5)
16. *Morning R 325 1816 Signed by Morning Trussell or otherwise Lyles

17. *James (5) January 24, 1793 same as material written above.
Apt. No. 66 Pkg. No. 1024

An asterisk indicates that Mrs. Eugene Davis (deceased) had had all of these records copied. Her nephew, name unknown to Mrs. Williams, got all of her genealogical research.

We have no way to connect Daniel Trussell to the three brothers in Chester District (County), South Carolina. In number 16 of Mrs. Davis's deeds, Morning Trussell or otherwise Lyles (Liles) sold 25 acres of land to Daniel Trussell. Another mysterious Trussell is a Benjamin who married Sarah Colvin. In John Colvin's will (Will Book A, Chester County, South Carolina, p. 27, signed 6 June 1793, probated 24 September 1793) he leaves bequests. Among his children he names Sarah Trussell, deceased, daughter and wife of Benjamin Trussell, "her share to go to her children...." As the will was written in 1793, and Benjamin (6), the son of Sarah Asher and James Trussell (5) was born ca. 1783, he could not be Sarah Colvin's husband. For several years, researchers have had Benjamin (6) born ca. 1783 married to Nancy Wright. May we conjecture that Benjamin Trussell, former son-in-law to John Colvin, married a Nancy Wright the second time. Thus, the family Bible in possession of a Mr. John Daniel Trussell, Meridian, Mississippi, which says James Nelson Trussell is the son of Benjamin and Nancy Trussell may very well be referring to another Benjamin and Nancy, not the Benjamin (6) who is later found in Tennessee.

With the sale of 258 1/2 acres of land on Sandy River formerly belonging to James (5) to Charles H. Sims for one thousand Spanish milled dollars, Sarah and her children were preparing to leave South Carolina. This deed is recorded in Deed Book M, Chester County, South Carolina, entry 159, recorded 25 September 1807. On the deed only Benjamin Trussell (6) and William Kelly, husband of Rachel (6), of the family could write.

CHAPTER 3: TENNESSEE

In Kentucky in the census of 1810, a Sally Trussell is listed in Logan County. According to Linden Pierce, Rome, Georgia, another diligent Trussell researcher, in the 1820 Census of Maury County, Tennessee, a Sarah Trussell is listed. A Nell Trussell is listed in Sullivan County, Tennessee, in 1830. In the 1830 census of Marion County, Tennessee, a female, possibly Sarah, 80-90 years of age is listed in the household of William Trussell (6).

We pick up Benjamin (6) and Mathew (6) in the War of 1812 records. The "Diary" states: "I first heard my uncles tell about the battles they had been in under Jackson and Carroll in the Indian War and the great battle of New Orleans. In the fall of 1815 my father moved...." The "Diary" entry caused Mrs. Williams to look for war records in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., in 1961. She made a list of all of the Trussells who served in the War of 1812. The dates of service were given on the list. Using her dates, Garland Trussell (10) secured the necessary forms.

True enough, Mathew (6) served from 28 January 1814, to May 23, 1814. He earned \$30.96, and the amount of pay and traveling allowance was \$32.65. He was a private in Captain George G. Chapman's Company of West Tennessee Militia of the regiment commanded by Colonel A. Cheatham.

As the "Diary" records, James (6) and his family were ten miles north of Fayetteville on the head of Mulberry Creek. The note on the service record makes a connection: Each non-commissioned officer and private traveled 200 miles in marching to and from Fayetteville where mustered in and discharged, and their residence in Springfield, Robinson County, (Robertson) Tennessee.

Benjamin Trussell (6) enlisted in Cheatham's 2nd Regiment on the same day as Mathew (6) - January 28, 1814. His pay was \$13.16; his traveling allowance was \$14.85. A later statement of his causes much conjecture as to the place of his discharge.

Garland Trussell researched the records in Robertson County, Tennessee, with two outstanding finds to add to Benjamin's file. 1st January, 1830 Deed Book U, p. 365, he located this highly significant detail:

"Bartlett Pitts from Benjamin Trussett (6) and Nancy Trussett This indenture made and entered into this one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three between Benjamin Trussett and Nancy Trussett of the State of Tennessee and the County of Maryann of the one part and Bartlett Pitts of the State aforesaid, the county of Robertson of the other part wherewith(?) that for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars in hand paid the receipt and payment whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Benjamin Trussett and Nancy Trussett heirs of John Strickland deceased hath bargained and sold and conveyed and confirmed and these presents doth bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said Bartley Pitts his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land all the Interest we have as heirs of the said John Strickland Deceased to the undivided part of one hundred acres of land lying and Being in the state aforesaid and County of Robertson Granted to the said John Strickland by the State of Tennessee...."

Added to this pertinent information, a personal record of a Mrs. Anna Pearson McIntosh taken from records on microfilm in Robertson County, Tennessee, corroborates that Nancy is the daughter of John Strickland. Mrs. McIntosh begins: "This record was given me by Bartley Willis, an old field school teacher, forty-five years ago. He was at that time in his eighty-fourth year but a remarkably well-preserved man, alert both physically and mentally."

"John Strickland, senior emigrated from North Carolina December 1803 with his family of twelve children, nine daughters and three sons - John, Henry and Larkin were his sons, and Nancy, Elizabeth, Delilah, Sallie, Dicy, Susan, Jane, Martha, and Margaret. They married as follows: Henry married Elizabeth Ritter (They were my great grand parents), John married Elizabeth Henderson, and Larkin wed Matilda Jackson. Nancy to Benjamin Trussell (6)...." (See Appendix for the complete Strickland document).

1830 census Marion County, Tennessee

	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	30-40	40-50	50-60	60-70	70-80	80-90
Asher (6)											
male											
female	1			1			1				

Benjamin (6)

List 72

male	2	2	1	1	0	0	1
female	0	1	2	0	0	0	1

Mathew (6)

List 56

male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
female	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	

William (6)

male	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
female	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			

1830 census, Sullivan County, Tennessee

Nexx (Nell)

Trassell

(Trussell)

male	0	0	0	0	1			
female	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

1840 census, Marion County, Tennessee

Asher (6)

male	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
female	0	0	1	0	0	1		

Farmer

Elizabeth

male	0	0	0	0	0	1		
female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Farmer

William (6)

male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Farmer

1850 census, Marion County, Tennessee

Benjamin (6)

Nancy

p. 847

Lucinda

William (7)

Ely (7)

Abigail (7)

Age

67

60

45

14

11

6

Where born

S.C.

N.C.

Kentucky

Newton Dye	25	
Susan (7)	23	
Mary (8)	1	
p. 849		
Wesley (7)	26	Tennessee
Elizabeth	25	S.C.
Sarah (8)	4	
Benjamin (8)	2	
p. 849		
Jackson (7)	33	
Mary	36	
Nancy (8)	9	
Martha (8)	7	
Maranda (8)	5	
Dicy (8)	3	
John (8)	11/12	
Mary McCollen	15	

Not only was James (6) in eastern Tennessee until "the fall of 1815," but also Benjamin (6), Asher (6) Mathew (6)), and William (6) were in the same general area, while a sister, Sarah Trussell (6), married William K. Harris. Both of these grew up as young people in the Battle Creek area of Marion County. After they married, they moved to Alabama with uncles as William Harris was renowned for his skill with the broad axe. They had a child, Asher K. Harris (7), born ca. 1819 in the Battle Creek area, Tennessee. This supportive information was supplied by Mrs. C.J. Bean, Sterling City, California.

Why did we include all of the census figures? We are trying to establish that John Trussell (7), born July 12, 1819, near Mont Eagle, Tennessee, was the son of Benjamin (6) and Nancy Trussell of Marion County, Tennessee. One other male fits the time frame, William's son (7), in the 1830 census.

Because we have a will in Marion County, Tennessee, Book G, p. 144 where Benjamin (6) and Nancy Trustle deed 400 acres to Wesley Trustle (7) dated 14 day of August 1854, we had thought this was the last account of Benjamin we had. (See Appendix)

However, when Commander (Ret.) Garland Trussell (10) sent inquiries to the National Archives in 1986, the archivist revealed several petitions which Benjamin had written concerning land grants.

Mrs. Williams (10) and Mrs. Greenman (10) learned these pertinent facts: Benjamin (6) applied in 1851 for a land grant. He wrote that he was drafted from Robertson County, Tennessee, about A.D. 1814, and was honorably discharged in the Creek Indian Nation. He made this declaration for obtaining

the bounty land under the "Act Granting Bounty Land to Certain Officers and Soldiers Who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States" passed September 28, 1850. Sworn before Elias Smith... December 24, 1851. Papers indicate that his case was carefully reviewed.

By June 18, 1852, he has received 40 acres, but "he cannot conceive how only 40 acres are allowed him when he is entitled to 80 acres as he believes." Thomas H. Hopkins had sent this request to the Honorable J.E. Heath, Commissioner of Pensions.

Then on the 31st of March, 1855, Benjamin Trussell (6) appealed under a new act approved March 3, 1855, for additional bounty land. He reported he had legally disposed of the other 40 acres granted. E.M. Haynie was the Justice of the Peace, and T.H. Conatser was the Clerk for Marion County, Tennessee. On the back of the file is noted 120 Acres November 28, 1855.

Benjamin Trussell (6) was 72 fighting years old when we have a definite word about him. At present we do not know how he died nor when he died. Neither do we know about Nancy. All records in Marion County except deed records burned in 1924 in courthouse fire.

William (6) married Sarah McClurkin, daughter of John and Elizabeth McClurkin, Chester District, South Carolina. After William's death, she moved to Mississippi where, in Neshoba County, she married Eli Pearce/Pierce, father of William H. Pearce/Pierce (who was her representative in Tennessee to sell William's (6) land). See the all-important letter from her to John (7), son of James (6) and Betsy Liles/Lyles in the appendix.

We suppose Lucinda is Asher's (6) widow.

Mathew (6) married Elizabeth. She made a deed of gift to Elizabeth Ann Spangler, infant daughter of Bennett (Bana) Spangler. This deed, 21 February 1828, is in Deed Book B, p. 333, Marion County Courthouse, Jasper, Tennessee. We know they were in another area in 1838 when Sarah wrote the letter to John (7).

New information supplied by Linden Pierce, Rome, Georgia, and Helen Kirkendall, Peachtree City, Georgia, comes from a family Bible. A son of James Nelson Trussell, Joe Dildy Trussell, has written in his family Bible, "John, son of Benjamin and Nancy Trussell, was born on July 24, 1821." As Mrs. Kirkendall suggests, perhaps the nephew of John, Joe Dildy Trussell, was mistaken as to the date. After

much consideration, Irene decided the other children and their birth dates in this Bible do not fit the children in Tennessee.

CHAPTER 4: MISSISSIPPI AND ARKANSAS

John Trussell (7), who may have gone to Alabama with uncles in the mid-1830's, married Elizabeth Johnson, April 14, 1842, in Marion, Lauderdale County, Mississippi. As she was born on March 12, 1827, she was only fifteen years old when she married. The marriage was performed by John Trussell (7), M.B.P. (Member of the Board of Police), the respected elder brother of James Madison Trussell (7), the "diarist". One revealing omission was glaring: John (M.B.P.) referred to the bride simply as Elizabeth. Is this lack of a surname because she was so well-known to him or because she may be a kinswoman of John's (M.B.P.)?

What do we know about Elizabeth Johnson? When Joe Trussell (9) was in Lubbock, Texas, as evangelic singer for the State Baptist Convention, he was approached by June Nunley, who told him she thought they could be kin. Her great-grandmother, Nancy Emaline Johnson, had married John McAllister. They had a child, Allen Ferdinand McAllister, who moved to Mexia, Texas. The great-grandmother had a sister, Elizabeth, who had married John Trussell (7). John (7 and Elizabeth named a son Allen Ferdinand. Brothers, at least two, of the Johnson women moved to Limestone County, Texas. Research there, as recorded in History of Limestone County, p. 146, brought information about James L. Johnson, who had married Martha Jane Mason. Their first daughter was named M.C. (Morning). Their second son, William Wyatt, was born in 1851. By coincidence, Elizabeth and John Trussell (7) named their second son William Wyatt, and he was also born in 1851.

All of these coincidences point to a faint supposition that the Johnsons are children of Mourning Trussell (7) who married Martin Johnson as is recounted in James Madison's (7) "Diary." We have no way to prove our thinking. Mr. James Dawson, Meridian, Mississippi, could find no proof of a Martin Johnson other than he had voted in Alabama ca. 1834.

John (7) and Elizabeth Johnson Trussell are listed in the 1850 census for Lauderdale County, Mississippi

The fact that John (7) and Elizabeth Johnson Trussell name their first two children Nancy and Benjamin lends credence to the belief that indeed Benjamin and Nancy Strickland Trussell in Marion County, Tennessee, are the parents of this John (7) who settled in Bradley County, Arkansas.

Another inconclusive piece of evidence that John Trussell (7) of Bradley County, Arkansas, is Benjamin's (6) son is furnished in a letter dated "A.D. 1860 in fact[?] this Aprile the 15th".

"The State of Arkansas Bradley Co.

Dear Cozin I this day take my pen in hand to let you no that we are all well hoping these few lines may find you all well. I have nothing of enny importance to write to you at this time. I wrote to you some time ago. I have not received nary answer from you yet. I have bin looking for a letter some time. I reckon you never got it. I wrote the verry day I vaxof(arrived?) in Arkansas wich was the 27th of December. I want you to write to me as swoon at this come to hand let me know how you and all the rest of the connection is doing. I want you to write wether you have collected that money from Cockran or what you have done about it. I am neading the money though I don't expect I can come after it before next Fall or winter. I can't say mutch about this country yet the land perduses well it will make from 25 to 30 Bushels of corn to the acor and from 10 to 15 hunderd pounds of cotten on the up land and we have good Spring water tho I am fearful that it is sickley here. Their is bin a good many deaths here of the new mornia. I want you to write to me as sone as this comes to hand and let me no how all is and rite to me whether the parkses and Mrs. edwardes moved to this country or not and if tha did - what county. I Go no more at present But remainds your Cousin until death

John Trussell (7) to

James M. Trussell (7)

Dear Cousins I this day take my pen in hand to let you no that we are all well at this time hoping these few lines may find you all well Nancy to "Levia I am lonesome away over here. I want you to write to me as swoon as this comes to hand. I shant forget none of you back ther. I want you all to write to me. Mother and Pa send you their best respects to Cousin James and his wife.

Mother ses for Charity and Victory to write to her. Ive nothing more at this time only send your true cousins until death. Show this letter to all. So goodbye to you all. Nancy M. Trussell (8) and Elizabeth J. Trussell to all in Hand and Pen”

[Note: As typist, I added periods for clarity. See Appendix for copy of the original letter. -V.P.]

This letter fell into the hands of Irene Trussell Williams just before she moved to Okinawa in 1962. She was due to leave the next day, and she sat up all night to peruse the contents of a box which a descendant of James Madison Trussell (7) had retrieved from another cousin just before it was to be thrown out.

In addition to this proof, we have a handwritten letter from Lawrence Lafayette Trussell (9) to R.B. Trussell of Houston, Texas, dated Fordyce, Arkansas, 10/30/46:

“Cousin Bob:

Bro. W.H. of Los Angeles is here on a vacation and had your letter to him. He had forgotten you. I told him I was sure he knew you at Warren, Ark.

When I was with J.T. Ederington Co., 1902, a salesman told me of your father. He wrote me that was the first time he had heard from his uncle John*(my grandfather)(7) since he left Miss. or Tenn. I also had letters from your sisters and others of our name - Monteagle, Tenn., Miss., Ala., and Mo. I only found one family that did not date their ancestry to Benj. Trussell - Monteagle, Tenn, except when in Calif. there was a family from Mo. I went to see at Escandido & San Diego. . . .”

*Note: Different researchers think Mr. R.B. Trussell’s father was mistaken about which John.

One additional piece of material comes from the memory of Walter Andrew Trussell (9), born in 1879. He recalled that a Wash, Josh, and Joe Ash (or Joash) Barnes had visited his family in Sumpter, Bradley County, Arkansas, about 1893. He said with such poetical names what child could forget them. He thought they were kinfolks of his. Perhaps they were almost kinfolks since they could have been James Nelson Trussell’s brothers-in-law. W.A. thought they were from Monteagle, Tenn. Indeed, in Book R, 493-494, Sept. 24, 1887, Wash Barnes was sold land in Marion County by Preston F. Faller.

In 1985, Mr. James T. Dawson, archivist for Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc., Meridian, Mississippi, located this definitive information: Deed Book J, p. 344, John Trussell and Elizabeth J. his wife in Jasper County, Mississippi, on October 2, 1859, sold NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 4 T7 R14 E to Ardis Cochran. This deed was recorded on December 21, 1859.

Since we know from the letter included earlier in this account of John (7) to James Madison (7) that he wanted the latter to let him know about the money from Cockran, this property identifies our John and Elizabeth.

In the appendix see the letter and map of Ethel Trussell Beltz showing the approximate locations in the Pattsville, Arkansas, area of John (7) and Elizabeth Trussell and their children. We know that John and Elizabeth originally settled 3 or 4 miles east of Pattsville by a spring which flowed into Snake Creek.

John (7), born July 12, 1819, died October 15, 1890, and was buried in Smyrna Cemetery, Sumpter, Bradley County, Arkansas. Elizabeth, who handled a great many business transactions as may be found in the Bradley County Courthouse, Warren, Arkansas, died May 11, 1911. On John Trussell's tombstone, Elizabeth had these words inscribed:

Weep not for me, my wife dear,
I am not dead but sleeping here.
I was not yours but God's alone
He loved me best and took me home.

One may see his tombstone at Ethel Trussell Johnson's near Hermitage, Arkansas. As it was broken in half, Ethel, Garland, and Kathryn had it replaced with a flat marker on which Elizabeth's birth and death dates were also included. No one seems to remember whether she had had a marker.

Elizabeth moved to William Wyatt Trussell's (8), her son, as she became feeble. Since she finally lost the use of both legs, she had to sit all day. Her knees set in that sitting position. When she died, had she been put into the casket on her back, her knees would have had to be broken. Uncle Billy (Billie)(William Wyatt) (8) would not permit that; he said she could lie on her side.

On the one letter from the family of John (7) in which they wrote to James M. (7), the following symbol appears. It must have been a most significant identification for John (7), for Elizabeth Johnson Trussell had it inscribed on his tombstone.



APPENDIX

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GENERAL INFORMATION

During the course of researching this family history, we found information about the following Trussells which may be of interest to our readers:

1. The last record of a Matthew Trussell is as a witness for a will of William Gill January 1746-7 old book p. 212a Northumberland County Virginia Wills (p. 166 revised edition).

2. We have identified three Rodham Trussells in Virginia. One was surety for a bond for Robert Sias in Maryland in 1746. One was the stepson of Robert Rice and son of Mary Trussell Rice, who chose Isaac Richardson for guardian in 1767. The law at that time allowed a child to choose his guardian at the age of 14. This Rodham must have been born about 1753.

Another Rodham, possibly, was located in 1787 tax record of Prince William County, Virginia. Again a Rodham Trussell was listed in 1787 Personal Property Tax List of Culpeper County, Virginia 1787. Yantas.

3. Jane Trussell, widow of John (3), married John Harding, and later she married Henry Harding, according to Marriages of Some Virginia Residents 1607-1800 by Dorothy Ford Wulfeck, Vol. II, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1986.

4. An interesting account of family relationships among the descendants of the James Henry Trussell (8) family concerns his daughter Dicy (9). See appendix for letter from Irene Trussell Williams to Vivan Trussell Derby.

JOHN TRUSSELL(7)
b. July 12, 1819 d. October 15, 1890 Pattsville, Ark
m. April 14, 1842 in Marion, Lauderdale County, Mississippi ELIZABETH
JOHNSON
b. March 12, 1827 d. May 11, 1911

1. NANCY M.	b. 1844	
2. BENJAMIN MARTIN	b. Jan. 1, 1846	
3. SUSAN CORDELIA	b. May 12, 1850	
4. WILLIAM WYATT	b. Dec. 23, 1851	d. August 21, 1929
5. JAMES HENRY	b. July 24, 1854	
6. JOHN WESLEY	b. April 25, 1857	d. March 3, 1937
7. SIENA S.H	b. 1859	
8. ALICE V.	b. 1862	
9. JOSEPH J.	b. 1865	
10. ALLEN FERDINAND	b. Nov. 28, 1864	d. Dec. 24, 1904
11. DICEY M.	b. Dec. 10, 1869	d. Apr. 1 or 21, 1928

CHILDREN:

HENRY (9)	b. Sept. 11, 1868	
JOSEPH(9)	b. 1869	
NANCY H. (9)	b. June 1, 1870	d. Feb. 1948
LUANA J. (9)	b. Feb. 19, 1872	d. Sept. 15, 1893
JOHN RICHARD (9)	b. July 1, 1875	d. Aug. 13, 1965
JAMES RANCE (9)	b. Sept. 14, 1877	
MARY E. (9)	b. Sept. 14, 1879	d. Jan. 6, 1909
ROBERT MILTON (9)	b. Feb. 9, 1883	

4. WILLIAM WYATT (8)

m.(1) Margaret Cox b. Nov. 11, 1848 d. Jan. 8, 1903
 m.(2) Jeanette (Jennie) Cox b. May 5, 1850 d. June 2, 1933

CHILDREN: (All children were born of Margaret)

VICTORIA (9) b. November 12, 1872
 m. William Colvin Children: Fulton (10), Emmet (10), Shafter(10), Bob(10)

LAWRENCE LAFAYETTE (9) b. July 2, 1874
 m. Addie Blanche Wilkinson
 (March 26, 1905) Children: Lawrence Weems (10), William (10)

JOHN MELEPHOURN(9) b. May 4, 1876 d. Feb. 17, 1960
 m. Nettie J. Beasley b. May 2, 1877 d. Nov. 14, 1972
 Children: Harlion (10), Verta Bea (10), Claud (10), Verma(10)
 Gladys (10)

ELLA (9)
 m. Will Castleberry Children: Dorthy (10), Leroy (10), Lucille (10)

ORA (9) b. March 4, 1882
 m. Henry Pollard Children: Henry (10), Alta Mae (10), Thelma (10)

WILLIAM (9) b. January 6, 1879
 m. Gertrude Carruth Children: Hillman (10), Gibson (10)

HASELTINE (HATTIE) J.(9) b. March 16, 1880
 m. Alec Hickman Children: Kavanaugh (10), Varea (10), Vascal (10), Vergie (10),
 Marnette (10), Margaret (10)

IRA GUSTAVUS (9) b. August 20, 1883 d. Feb. 14, 1931
 m. Norma Nevette Scull b. August 12, 1889 d. Jan. 11, 1963
 (9/3/1910) Children: Mildred Louise (10), Margaret Alice (10),
 Joe Fred (10)

EULA (9) b. April 5, 1885 d. June 20, 1944
 m. Dean Turner Children: Lamoyne (10)
 MAGGIE ESTHER (9) b. Jan. 4, 1887 d. 1887

BYTHEL HUGH (9) b. Sept. 29, 1890 d. March 23, 1979
 m. Gertie M. Forrest b. Oct. 6, 1901 d. Feb. 11, 1974
 Children: Billy Dean (10), Myrna Sue (10)

5. JAMES HENRY (8)

m. (1) Mary (Mollie) Elizabeth Gardner m.(2) Lucinda Williams

CHILDREN:

FANNY ISABEL(9)	b. March 22, 1874	
WYETT LAFAYETTE (9)	b. Jan. 7, 1876	d. Feb. 9, 1978
THOMAS (9)	b. Jan. 19, 1878	d. young
DICIE JANE (9)	b. Sept. 1, 1879	d. Jan. 16, 1971
ERASTUS ERNEST (9)	b. Feb. 17, 1882	
VALERIA (9)	b. Aug. 13, 1884	d. Jan. 31, 1979
VIOLA (9)	b. Feb. 10, 1886	d. Jan. 27, 1900
MARTIN JAMES (9)	b. Mar. 21, 1888	d. Aug. 1, 1973
ROBERT ALLEN (9)	b. Dec. 29, 1891	d. Sept. 6, 1972
(2) HENRY (9)	b. Sept. 15, 1900	d. Sept. 1, 1929
(2) ARCOLA (9)	b. Dec. 6, 1902	

6. JOHN WESLEY (8)

*m. (1) Mary A. Grider b. June 11, 1858 d. Jan. 29, 1894
married Aug. 26, 1875

CHILDREN:

GEORGE W.(9)[son]	b. Jan. 13, 1876	d. Dec. 21, 1958
m.(1) Roxie Grissam 1900	m.(2) Lou Toler	m.(3) Beulah Akin
ELLEN PARILEE(9)[dau.]	b. June 9, 1879	d. March 13, 1900
m. Henry T. Rodgers	March 22, 1894	
JOHN, Jr. (9)[son]	b. Sept. 17, 1881	d. April 1, 1960
m. Mary Pilgreen	1906	
ALBERT HENDERSON(9)[son]	b. Oct. 14, 1883	d. Feb. 24, 1918
LEOMA D. (9)[dau.]	b. Oct. 9, 1885	d. _____
m. Henry T. Rodgers	December 6, 1900	
JASPER J. (9)[son]	b. Sept. 29, 1887	d. Aug. 12, 1948
m.(1) Hellen Benthall	m.(2) Joe Williams	
ROBERT ALLEN (9)[son]	b. Dec. 28, 1889	d. Sept. 4, 1895
LENNIE B. (9)[dau.]	b. Dec. 15, 1892	d. Aug. 13, 1960
m. J. Bert. Allison	May 2, 1914	
MARY E.(9)[dau.]	b. Dec. 12, 1894	d. July 22, 1895

*m.(2) Ollie Hooks b. Dec. 4, 1866 d. Feb. 3, 1900
married March 15, 1894

CHILDREN:

ADA (9)[dau.]	b. Dec. 24, 1896	d. Sept. 2, 1899
IDA (9)[dau.]	b. Dec. 24, 1896	d. Oct. 10, 1915
JOSEPH LEE (9) [son]	b. Nov. 15, 1898	d. _____
m. Eddie Connell	1923	

*m. (3) Annie Hooks b. Dec. 4, 1877 d. Feb. 21, 1937
married Dec. 11, 1900

CHILDREN:

Xbaby boy (9)	b. June 30, 1878	d. _____
HERBERT O. (9)[son]	b. Sept. 16, 1901	d. Jan. 20, 1961
m. (1) Ethel Wright	m. (2) Lorien Easley July 24, 1935	
HERMAN ROY (9)[son]	b. Sept. 3, 1903	d. Nov. 24, 1926
m. Callie Lawson	July 22, 1922	
ANDREW (9)[son]	b. Feb. 24, 1906	d. _____
m. Bertha Knable	May 14, 1927	
HETTIE L. (9)[dau.]	b. Oct. 17, 1907	d. Dec. 28, 1954
m. Johnie Anderson		
BRUCE O. (9)[dau.]	b. Oct. 27, 1909	d. _____
m. Bill Homishak	December 25, 1931	
GERALD W. (9)[son]	b. Oct. 7, 1911	d. _____
m. Elizabeth Tinnin	August 28, 1938	
LENA ORENE (9)[dau.]	b. Oct. 26, 1913	d. _____
m. William McColloch	December 27, 1931	
JESSE (9)[son]	b. April 4, 1921	d. _____
m. Thelma _____		
GUINN W. (9)[son]	b. Oct. 16, 1923	d. Feb. 16, 1924

7. SIENA S.H (8)

Died an infant

8. ALICE V.(8)

m. (1) Alex McChristian m. (2) William Clanton

CHILDREN:

EDMOND McCHRISTIAN (9)

(2) MINNIE MAE CLANTON (9) b. April 20, 1892

(2) ANNA DELL CLANTON(9) b. Mar. 7, 1896

9. JOSEPH J. (8)

m. Dora Kemp

NO ISSUE

10. ALLEN FERDINAND (8)

m. Minnie Senn

CHILDREN:

BESSIE (9) b. Jan. 3, 1892 d. April 15, 1981

m. Knowles

GERTRUDE (9) b. October 28, 1893 d. Dec. 30, 1961

m. Lemuel Grider

ARCHIE (9) b. October 31, 1896 d. Feb. 7, 1919

AUBORN (9) b. March 11, 1898 d. 1902

BERTHA (9) b. July 28, 1901

m. Tollison

ODIS (9) b. September 11, 1903

11. DICEY M. (8)

m. Sam McClain

CHILDREN:

OLEN (9)
INEZ (9)
BERNICE (9)
LOTTIE (9)
NINA (9)
ESTELLE (9)

Document - Sale of Land
Northumberland County, Virginia
Record Book 1658-1666, page 52a

Know all men: By these presents that now Robert Sech and John Coutanceau having a small tract or _____ of land between us consisting of one hundred acres more or less _____ from a _____ of a greater? quantity the which said tract of land beginning at a _____ to whit north at a tree there marked with _____ notches being? three/tree? notches of _____ sides and _____ from the said _____ tree _____ marked upon a straight line to the Kings Creeke(s) south southwest and lyeth from the bounds of marked trees before _____ upwards towards the said Kings Creeke(s) road the which land being bought by _____ of James Claughtonas approveth a deed of sale under the said Claughton's hand and seale with(?) his wife's bearing(?) date the 26 January 1650 the said Claughton having formerly bought it of John Trussell _____ fore(?) approves by bill of sale under the said Mr. Trussell's hand and seale bearing(?) dated the 20th January 1652. Now know yee that the aforesaid Robert Sech and John Coutanceau now _____ day devided the said small tract of land as _____ approveth which said trees br- _____ Hugh Lee's corner tree being a brown(?) _____ almost southeast to a hickory _____ the _____ lying next to the now dwelling house _____ the said Robert to have that part of land _____ from the said now marked trees northeast _____ John to have all the other part thereof which _____ the said now marked trees southwest with all _____ and cleared ground thereupon and _____ the said houses ourchards and cleared ground _____ I Robert doe hereby acknowledge to have/here(?) _____ my wife Mary the deviding of the _____ -ning all interests in that _____ 20th _____ the said John forever and the said John _____ alsoe the said division of the _____ disclaiming alsoe all interests or _____ which belongeth to the said _____ to the true _____ formance and in _____ have hereunto set our hands and _____ of December 1660.

Robert Sech - the seale
the _____ of Mary Sech - the seale
John Coutanceau - the seale

_____ 1660. This writeing was acknowledged
_____ by the above named Robert Sech and John
Coutanceau and by James Claughton attorney of _____
above named Mary Sech. And the said writeing is recorded

Mary Sech _____ of } Know all men that I Mary Sech do hereby authorize and
_____ to James Claughton } appoint my loving brother James Claughton my lawful
attorney to acknowledge a writeing for me concerning
a devision of a tract of land as appraised(?) by _____
_____ writeing unto which my hand and seale bring/being(?) thereto
bearing _____ the _____ of this _____ December to be
acknowledged as _____ for witness whereof
_____ set my hand and(?) seale (?) this 15th of _____
1660.

The _____ of Mary Sech - the seale

Virginia _____
_____ of (?) Abigail _____
25th _____ 1660. This _____ is recorded.

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Dr Robert Green - 100
 John Green - 100
 John Green - 100

83. This writing was acknowledged by the above named Robert Gault and John Gault by James Claggett Attorney at Law for the above named Mary Gault and the 8th writing is recorded

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Fixed

Letter addressed to: Mr John Trussell
State of Mississippi
Kemper County
Pleasant Springs Office

State of Tennessee Marion Cou.

March 30, 1838

Dear Nephew. I once more take in hand to inform you all how we are adoin^g. my Self and family are in the Joyment of reasonable helth at present with the exception of our Mother. She has been very poorly Ever cenc last winter but is worse then. She has been for som time but, thanks be to God that it is no worse. hopping these presents may find your Self and family and all the rest of the Connection in the enjoyment of good helth and I want to let the rest of the Connection know how we are. I rec^d your letter February 20 which was Dated January 14th in which you Stated that you had Started two Sinc July. I have not Rec^d Either of them the last that I Rec^d before this was dated April 11th when you was in Alabama and the last that I Rec^d from Edwards was last fall and it is hard time in Tennessee. money is scarce and Salt hardly Could be got to Salt pork and when there was a Chance to get it twas from \$2.25 to 2.50 at five to fifty wait. It was on account of low tides in the river tho other groasaries is plenty in this County. Coffee is five pounds, Sugar Six to the Dolar, port 5 Ct per pound, Cotten one and half Ct per pound, in Seed Corn \$1.50 above. it Sem time Since we have heard from the Connection in Alabama, that is Benjamin Trussell Children the last account they was well and I want you to write and when you write to me again direct your letter Tennessee Marion battle Creek union office, for it is within three miles of me and you Stated that your Father had ((thought)) of Coming out this Spring in Coming I would be very glad he Could Com for our Mother is very desired to See Som of your Conn for She Says that She never Expects to See any of you and I must in form you ythat Samson Bass Departed this life Nov^m 12..1837 and your aunt Susanna is aliving Close by me and Desires to remember her Respects to you and intends to Com to that Country if She Could get my assistance to move She wants to get to Edwards and I think very hard of brother Mathew and Jesse Wooton that neither of them had Sent me a letter Since then the have been ((not clear but was written)) I think Mathew Might have let me know how he likes the Country. I Should be glad to know what Sort of a groth of timber and what Sort of Stock raising. You Can let your Unkle Mathew and Betty know that old James Holley died last year in Fe^b James Cleppers wife dead, John Morises wife dead, Cleppers last fall, Morises about the first this inst. no more at present remaining your loving unkle & aunt

Wm, Sary Trussell

To John Trussell and Wife.

The original of this letter is in the possession of Mrs. J.M. Strong (Velma), 601 Horizon Drive, Apt. 214, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501. Her grandmother was Olivia Trussell Kennedy-Reynolds, daughter of James Madison Trussell. Velma is recently a widow and is living in a retirement home.

The double (()) indicate either unreadable words or unclear meaning. The letter was copied by hand with spelling as in the original letter. Velma was generous to share it with me.

Book G p. 144
Marion County,
Tennessee
Jasper, Tennessee

Benj. Trustle
Deed To
Wesley Trustle
400 Acres.

I, Benjamin Trustle have this day bargained and sold and do hereby transfer and convey to Wesley Trustle and his heirs forever for the Consideration of three hundred dollars to me paid in hand a tract of land in the State of Tennessee, Marion County and district No. containing by estimation four hundred acres more or less unbounded. Beginning on a chestnut south 360 poles to pointers west 180 poles to pointers north 360 poles to pointers on John Keaths line, thence with said Keaths line east 120 poles to a poplar thence run lines East 60 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the same to the said W. Trustle his heirs and assigns forever I do covenant with the said W. Trustle that I am lawfully seized of said land have a good right to convey it and that the same is unincumbered I do further covenant and bind myself my heirs and representatives warrent and forever defend the title to the said land forever and every part thereof to the said Wesley Trustle his heirs and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons whatever. This the 14th day of Aug. 1854.

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Elihu Teague

State of Tennessee

Marion County.

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HANDWRITTEN LETTER FROM
JOHN TRUSSELL IN BRADLEY
COUNTY, ARKANSAS, TO
JAMES MADISON TRUSSELL
IN MISSISSIPPI
APRIL 15, 1860

TO REFER TO TYPED COPY,
SEE P. 19-20.

C/D 1860^{in fact} this April the 15th

The State of Arkansas Bradley
Dear Cozins I this day take my pen
in hand to let you see that we are
all well hoping ~~you~~ these few lines
may find you all well I am nothing of
any importance to write to you at this time
I write to you some time ago I think you
received my answer soon you yet I have
been thinking for a letter some time I see on
your answer got it I write the every day
I stay in Arkansas with now the 17th of
December I want you to write to me
as soon as this comes to hand and let me
know how you find all the great after carn-
al is is doing I want you to write
whether you have collected that all my pro-
prietors or what you have done about the
same meeting there Henry though I don't
expect to see come after the new
fall or winter I can't say much re-
about this country yet the land yields
well it will make from 25 to 30
bushels of corn to the acre and from 10
to 15 hundred pounds of cotton per the
upland and we have good spring water

The Unfearful that it is sickly here
there is bin a good many deaths here
of the new mornia I want you to write to
me as soon as this comes to hand and
let me know how all is and write to me
whether the parkes and ellis edwards
moved to the country or not and if
they did what country go no more
at present But remains your cousin
until death

John Russell Esq.
James M. Russell

Dear Cousins I this day take very great in-
terest in let you know that we are all well at
this time making the year live very fine and all
well things to fear I am here now a very well
there I want you to write to me as soon as this
comes to hand I don't get more of you back
that I want you all to write to me all the time
I am writing this letter respect to Cousin
James and his wife all the time is for health
and this lady is not to be at anything more
at this time and you must be very
much the death of this letter it all go good by
to you all I am M. Russell and Elizabeth
J. Russell to all the family and friends

DIARY OF JAMES MADISON TRUSSELL

Llano County, Texas, 11 July 1885

Thinking it might be interesting to my children and posterity I here commence a diary of my life and a reminiscence of events and a family record.

My father James Trussell was born in Frederick County, Virginia, the 11th day of May 1770 and was brought up in Chester District (now county), South Carolina, and was baptised into the Baptist Church the 3rd sabbath in July 1803. He was a deacon of the church for many years in good standing. He died the 18th October 1860 age 90 years 5 months and seven days. After living with me 23 years.

My mother was born in Chester District, S.C., about 1st January 1781. Her maiden name was Lyles. She died in Green County, Ala., the 30th day of September 1830. She was a devoted member of the Baptist church from early life. She said some months (before she was taken sick) that she would die that year. When I left on a journey on the 24th August, before one month and seven days before she died, she hung to me in her feelings and followed me a short distance and begged me not to stay long. I had business to attend to in South Carolina and Georgia. She lamented that she could not see me before she died. Death found her ready. She never shouted in church but shouted and praised God to her last breath and met her Savior smiling and rejoicing and singing that familiar hymn, "And let this feeble body fail." Thus passed a true mother, my best friend, from earth to heaven. Her name was Elizabeth. My father called her Betsy.

My mother was of Irish parents who emigrated to South Carolina perhaps at an early day of that colony. Her mother's maiden name was Cockrel. There was quite a large connection of the Lyles, Cockrels, and Prices and others in the time of the Revolutionary War and as far as I ever heard they were all true and fought for their country. There were some prominent men among my mother's people, such as Maj. Auterson, Martin and Col. Wm. Lyles, and his brothers all served in the War of 1776. Gov. Wm. Carroll of Tennessee, one of Genl. Jackson's prominent generals was a kinsman of my dear mother and for whom she named her fifth son. She was true to her friends and country and as sentimental and brave as she was tender-hearted and sympathetic. She was firm in training her children to industry, truth, and honesty. And when duty required her to correct or punish her children, she would often shed tears. She taught them to shun a tattler as worse than a thief. She was visited in her last sickness by some very prominent women, and all good neighbors, who viewed her as they said, "There is

a mother in Israel gone." But alas now fifty-five years have passed and still the voice and features of that name next to heaven the dearest is plain and visible to my mind. And now may her shining example be constantly impressed upon myself, my children, relatives, and friends that like her we may sing at the last moments, "O may my last expiring breath His loving kindness sing in death."

My father had two uncles, William and Matthew Trussell, who settled in South Carolina and raised families. His uncle John Trussell went with the "Virginia blues" under Washington in 1755 to the Indian War on Braddock's defeat and never returned to Virginia and was not heard of any more. My grandfather Trussell descended from English parents but was probably of Italian descent as I have never heard of but two families of foreign birth of his name, one in state of Maine and one in North Carolina, both of Italy. My father's mother's maiden name was Asher and of Virginia birth and had two brothers and a sister born in South Carolina.

50- My oldest brother, John Trussell, was a fine looking man about 6 ft 2 in. high, well formed, and weighed about 175 pounds. Soon after the War of 1812 when very young, he was elected Captain of Militia when a military office was a great honor. He served about 6 years. He afterwards filled various offices with great honor and satisfaction to the people. He was a plain unassuming man of the strictest honesty and sincerity. He was loved and honored by his neighbors and all good people that knew him. He was a kind husband and father. His servants loved him. He died the 30th December 1852 aged about 54 years. From the time I was 20 years old up to his death, a term of 24 years, we had as partners and administrators transacted and settled 15 or sixteen thousand dollars in business and we never disagreed or disputed over anything in conduct or business. So it was in everything a manifestation of the kindest feeling.

My next brother, Joseph Trussell, was taken to Kentucky thence to Tennessee and Alabama where was raised to manhood. He was a stout man 6 feet 4 inches high. He did not[?] with a very limited opportunity in the then unsettled state acquire much. Like too many youngsters he loved fun and frolic too well to study much. He went to the river Tombigbee and engaged in running keel boats with hooks and poles before steamboats were put on them rivers and afterwards piloted a steamboat one year and then after a year or so he settled and became very steady and married a very worthy widow named Price. Her first husband was a very good citizen named Cutbirth Price, a distant relation of our mother. Her maiden name was Margaret Straight. My brother owned a good farm in a

good community but had sold it with a view to move to Mississippi where brother John and myself lived. His wife owned a negro woman and four children counting one that had not quite come to birth. After my brother sold out he bought a negro man, a stranger that had lately been brought in from some of the old states. Soon after my brother bought the negro, Mr. Butler paid over five hundred dollars to my brother that he (Butler) owed me. This the negro saw. Just at the time of the noted cold Friday and Saturday 5 and 6th Feb. 1835 in rebuilding my brother had not had time to put a floor in the negro house so he told the negroes to come in his house and sleep by the fire while it was so cold. At a late hour in the night the negro went out and brought in the ax and went to the bed and sunk the ax up to the handle in my brother's head and then hacked his wife so as to cut her skull in several places and then hit the negro woman with the ___ of the ax. She ran into the yard and died. He then struck at the ___ year old boy but did not prevent him from making his escape. He then robbed the house and set the curtains on fire and left. My brother's wife was able to drag him out in the yard ___ burning but forgot her baby and it and a little n___ was bu ed [by, in?] their house. My brother's wife lived 7 or 8 days. Their larges[t?] negro girl was living from home at that time. The negro boy give the alarm and my brother Mathew and all the neighborhoods around were soon in pursuit of him. The murder was committed on Saturday night but all the efforts had failed till Monday night when my brother and two faithful friends after riding till a late hour over ice and frozen ground came on him where Mr. Everitt and his negro man had captured him. When they got him to my brothers he was badly frostbit, he had lost one shoe, and they made him wade Trussells Creek about 40 yards. Early Tuesday morning the people was coming together to continue to hunt for him. When they saw the negro they begun to prepare to burn him but my brother Matthew being a sworn magistrate could not allow it without purjuring himself. Some of the friends took Mathew away but before they got ready to burn him the other magistrate came among them and he had to be tried and condemned by the county judge which was done by the shortes[t?] time possible but the effect of the freezing and hot irons did not let him live to be hung. My brother Joseph was about 34 years old at his death.

My oldest sister also born in South Carolina was married in Green County, Alabama, to Martin Johnson. She was named Mourning. She lived to have 6 children and then died on 30th Sept. 1837 on the same day of the same month 7 years after her mother. Her husband was descended from the same stock of Dick Johnson Vice President and the great Joseph E. Johnson. The next was my brother Mathew born in Kentucky the 6th March 1806

and died in Green County, Ala., where he was mostly raised on 16 April 1839 aged 33 yrs., 1 month, and 10 days. He was a man of great firmness, a member of the Baptist church in _____. At about the age of 17 yrs. through the influence of Doct. Lyttle and the Stantons and other men of wealth and influence he was elected Bailiff in the beat where he was mostly raised. He had made good use of the limited opportunity he had for an education and through industry and economy he was able to get married and settle himself on a good place he had bought and paid for. While he was yet young he married Mary Saunders, a nice woman of a good family connexion to wit Wm. Bissel of Green County, Alabama, and Slocums Gully ex-sheriff of Sumpter County, Ala., and Phil Gully long a sheriff of Wilkinson[?] County, Mississippi. He was elected Esqr. soon after he was married and held the office as long as he would accept it. In a beat where there was many talented and wealthy men he was a successful farmer and gained in proerty very fast. But with a view to move to Mississippi he had bought a tract of land with a saw and grice mill with some cattle in Lauderdale County before he sold out in Alabama. He came to my house about first April and spent a short time with me and left for home. On his way he was taken unwell but got home and grew worse till he died on the 16th day of April 1838, and was buried near his beloved Mother. Thus passed from earth to heaven another good man lamented by all, All good men that knew him rich or poor high or low; much of his character in private and publick life could be traced to his mother's training and by his death a link in the chain of a mother's influence had been severed and his poor fatherless children were robed of that great blessing, a good mother's influence.

The next in course of birth was myself, the fourth son. I was born in Franklin County (now Coffee County) not very far from Winchester, Tennessee, on the head of Elk River on the 26th December 1808. After two or three years more father moved from Trussells Cove as it was then called to Lincoln County and settled ten miles from Fayetteville on the head of Mullberry Creek. [T]hen the whole country was covered with large cane or wild pea vines. The timber was very large and on the hills and valleys the same. I can well remember the canes, polars, lynns, black and white walnuts, the large poppias, beach, cherry trees, three kinds of hickory, honey locust, buckeyes 2 or 3 feet through, ash, and above all the shugartree orchard where I had to watch the camp in the woods while my father and mother and older children were going round to the trees they had taped to get the water and bring it to the campfire and boil it in large parts and kettle into the best sugar I have ever saw. It was there I first saw my dear old mother siting and spinning flax on her flax wheel and

singing Seraphlike. I also recollect seeing hemp growing in fields and I think she spun some hemp there. I first heard my uncles tell about the battles they had been in under Jackson and Carroll in the Indian war and the great battle of New Orleans. Many incidents and anecdotes of these wars here presents themselves to my mind but I have not space here to recite them.

In the fall of 1815 my father moved to the head of the Cahawba river in St. Clair County, Ala., where I saw the first Indian which frightened me very bad, and early in the spring of 1816 sold his improvement and moved to Tuscaloosa County eight miles below the falls of the Black Warrior river. He then saw the falls and the beautiful level alongside the falls where there was some Indian camps made of fine barks but he said there would be a town there and he did not want to live in a town. He went to work on the most beautiful place he settle. As there was no settlers before him he had to depend on corn hauled there from Tennessee and sold at 4 dollars for 50 pounds but necessity is called the mother of invention. He had heard of the old Spanish town of Mobile so he went to work and made a batteau of two large cyprus logs dugout and doweled together and sent brother John with Martin Adams and Jonathan Coonas to Mobile. This was the first boat that even been carried from Tuscaloosa to Mobile by white men. They brought us barrel _____ 20 dollars in Mobile and some rice at high price and the first _____ ever saw with directions from an old negro how to plan[t].

But the year 1816 has been called the year without summer, and I know it was the year without rain from May till white frost and but for a field father cleared in the cane brake on the river and cultivated without plow or fence he would still have been without corn but being made from the rich red soil and limestone sediment it proved in years of rain to be the best corn land I ever saw. 100 bushel to an acre was not uncommon. In 1817 my father made a fine crop of corn and a small crop of cotton the first I ever saw growing. No gins we had to pick the seed out with our fingers for all the cloth we got to wear. A wealthy man came along and bought my father's improvement for \$500.00 and he moved about one mile and built a house and in 1818 cultivated river land 2 miles from home. At this time the country was settling up very fast and there was a school made for 3 months and after learning my ABCs at home I got to go 2 months and one week and began to read and spell in the class with the other schollars. While my father was gone on a trip to hunt a place to move to my mother give me a dollar and sent me to the mill to get coffee. I gave it to the merchant and he give me two & half pounds of coffee for it. There had been very little if any

coffee used in our country before. Sassafras and other teas would do us then and no shugar. After we left Tennessee 4th January 1819 my father with his family forded the Warrior river on his way to settle near the Tombigbee river near a large creek that is still called after his name and near where brother John and myself afterwards established a ferry known by our name. After helping my father improve his place the settlement soon got strong enough to have a 3 months school in a little log house with dirt floor and no plants about it. They employed a very sorry teacher 3 months then another for 3 months. I got to go some to each one. Afterwards they employed a good teacher for 6 months but it was my misfortune to lose 2 months of the six by having the old fashioned shaking ague then very common. But in the 4 months I became the best speller as I ever afterwards was in nine others a little to one and but little to all. Here I learned how to make progress in learning and how to manage and teach a school sccessfully. To my teacher Wm. D. Orear, I give credit for my great success afterwards as a teacher. After I was near 20 years old I went 4 1/2 months to a country school 3 miles from home. I studied arithmatic and got a head of my teacher in Murrays grammar. I then went to Pickens County 16 miles from fathers and took a school of 17 scholars all I could get. Before 6 months my school run up to 45 and for 3 months my school would have went up to 50 but I could not do justice by more than 45. After that 9 months they would not em else until I refused to take the school any longer. I then went to Tuscaloosa and went in to a city college for 3 months. I studied arithmetic and Kirkams grammar each one half the time for 3 months. The professor said he had taught hundreds of young men the last sixteen years but I had excelled in rapid learning any he had ever taught. Before the 3 months was out I was offered fifty dollars for ? month to keep bar in a large hotel. The old head teacher offered to turn off his assistant and take me in his place. If I would hear the class in English four hours in each day he would give me my board and all the balance of each day with the use of any of his books in every branch of literature. While there I was treasurer of the city debating society and the and the friend and peer of Wm. R. Smith afterwards governor and congressman from Alabama for 14 _____. also Wm. T. Meek my equal in age and learning and his brother Alexander afterwards a judge and other young men of wealth. But my older brothers had left father and he and my sisters were lonesome and needed me for company and help to run his mills so I went home and run his mills 2 years and settled up all his outstanding business and then offered to rebuild his mills but he declined any further trouble with them and soon sold them with one of the best places in Alabama. I then joined my oldest and best brother in running a poleboat from Gainsville on the Tombigbee (as it

was then called) up the Oaknoxubee (now called Noxubee). I carried corn, meat, groceries, and dry goods for the new settlers in that part of the Choctaw purchase for 2 winters and springs and made some money. In the summer of 1833 while the river was too low for boating I kept a school in Noxubee county near my first wifes fathers. She went to school to me. When my school closed they offered to double my wages if I would continue but I declined and went to running my boat. About the first of April 1834 I quit boating and on the 8th May 1834 I married Susannah Slaughter Parks. And We__ our ferry and boat and brother John and I moved in to Kemper[?] County Mississippi. I moved in October of the sa__ and bro. John in Jany following. We lived 4 years in Kemper (here my two oldest children were born) and then moved to Lauderdale where I lived and farmed 28 years. Soon after I got to Kemper I was elected captain of a uniformed volunteer military company by fiftyeight votes to my opponents two. In a year or two it was reported in the county that I was a candidate for representative in the next Legislature, but my old friend Judge Marshall and Doctor Hundley and others that had known me from 12 years old up to that time still kept me before the people and would not let me off so I consented to run and I received the highest vote cast in the county for any office state or county at that election. At one of the boxes near me I received all the votes and all but two at the nearest box tho there were 4 candidates 2 of us democrats and 2 whigs now called republicans. I took my seat in the Legislature in January 1838. I helped to fight the great union bank charter but through the corrupting influence of money the bank was chartered pledging the fouth of the state for fifteen and half million of dollars which yet stands unpaid against the state. I was elected for 2 years, but I resigned in the faul of 1838 and moved to __ in November 1838 and there I resisted all solicitation to run for office for eleven years when I again consented and run with three other, all democrats. I was elected again by a large vote over all opposition. I beat two old members of the legislature one of them a leading lawyer of the county. I then served two sessions in the legislature and with many distinguished men. I took supper or dinner with governor A.S. McNutt, Jo. Mathews, G. Brown, T.M. Tucker, John A. Quitman, J. J. McRae, John J. Pettus and Gen. Alcorn (after the war a radical governor), most of whom with many others went to Congress. And now nine tenths of them have probably gone to their reward in that never ending home.

In the meantime my business seemed to prosper in everything I undertook until that blackest of all crimes the war waged upon the Southern states by the Northern states to subjugate and __ and corrupt and demoralise them by passing that odious banking law (or __ther act) and by sending vast

numbers of their artful ____ scoundrels among us to rile and rob us and rouse all our ba__ men to unite with them and the negroes (they had taken from us contrary to the word of God and the laws of man) to commit crimes too black for any but the lowest _eam ____ knows[?] the sacred word true, the love of money is the root of all evil. This school of vice the civil war was forced upon us by the Union. I was manageing much business as a farmer and Administrator on various estates, two of my brothers in Alabama and one in Mississippi and others near my home. I made some money in entering and selling publick land. Besides my comission as agent for several other land holders during my residence in Lauderdale and Newton Counties I became the owner of about twelve thousand acres of land and twenty three negroes, 16 able to go to the field besides 7 that my present wife owned. I had ten plow mules and 2 jack and 2 jinnies and 10 or 12 brood mares and other horses besides plenty of cows, oxen, sheep, goats, and hogs with a fine outlet unsurpassed in grass and water. I lived in a four thousand dollar house with very good outbuildings and a farm of about six hundred acres and a woods pasture of about two hundred acres 40 acres of it in seed for winter pasture. I had a good gin house 2 gin heads with fan and thrasher and about 30 bales of cotton ungined when the yanks came there and burned my gin and a rober named Thornson living not far off helped them to rob my house and burned it 19 Feb. 1864 just 10 year 4 months and 18 days after I moved into it. It was built of chice rich graned fine lumber and covered with rich pine shingles and as good as new when burned. It had 3 large rooms below and 3 above with fire places in each room above and below with two rooms 12 by 18 feet 2 closets 1 sellar and 2 starways to goe above. It had 33 windows with good folding blinds. I had 2 large folding leaftables 1 of cherry the other walnut with most of my furniture and a fine bookcase with many valuable books burned, the formof my house was very good. It was cloed at night by eleven doors and presented a front on 3 sides. My wife could sit in a 4 foot alley and see in her bedroom door and the dining room and see the kitchen roomand the smok kus[?]. But the Lord chastiseth whom he will and we can only say with the Irishman, when fortune smiles we ride in chaise but when fortune frowns we walk bejase[?]. Here my first wife, the mother of my living children, lived 5 years 4 months and ten days. She had no enemies among her neighbors. She seemed to know how to talk and who to talk to. Here my youngest brother A. J. Trussell died and a very old man my Uncle Moses Payne a revolutionary soldier died. He was a good man. Next my father that had lived with me 23 years died. Then the war came on and my oldest child a so. fell at Vicksburg with his sword on. He was said to be a very popular officer and had no enemies in his regiment and was rising to distinction very

fast. In that war I lost nearly all my best nephews _____ best neighbors and friends. Also my son by my sec _____ Joseph E. Johnson died here aged 3 years 1 month and 27 days. He was firm, mild, self possessed and very intelligent with all the jestu that of a natural orator but the time of tribulation had come and I had to bear my share in the loss of children, relatives, and friends with much property, but God does all things for the best.

The next in course is my sister Nancy Hicks. She had six boys and two daughters. 5 of her sons are dead, her daughters and son living in East Texas. She was living not long ago over 74 years, a mild, quiet, good woman and I think a good Christian.

The next in course was my sister Susan ussery[?]. She died some 12 or 18 months ago in east Mississippi. Both these sisters has lived widows for more than 30 years.

Next in course is Bro. Wm. Carroll. He will be 69 years old 17 of next April. He married a good woman who become the mother of several daughters and three sons. He was a poor manager and I had to help him a good deal, he raising his children. His oldest son Van died in the war. His other sons seem to be doing well. His wife died a few years ago and he has married again and living near where he first married in east Missi.

The next in course was my brother Andrew Jackson Trussell. He was born 15th March about 1822. He was left without a mother at little over 8 years old. He had good natural sense but his old father indulged him and he soon traveled round and went to Texas in 184[4 or 9?] and like most others he soon liked to travel round. All needed them days was a horse and a blanket. He could get plenty of dried beef and buttermilk free of cost and plenty of grass for his mustang poney often engaging in some business. He returned to Missi. and him and John Carson built a tavern in old Marion for Southey Fisher. He then made a good run for tax assessor but was beat by a very popular man. He remained in Newton and Lauderdale Counties until the war with Mexico. He being from home when the company was formed, he went in as private but a vacancy soon occured and he was elected Lieutenant and served throug that war. He then came home and remained about 2 year. He merchatised in Leak County and was elected colonel of militia but soon left for Texas where he carried his sword as a ranger. Traveling up and down in _____ Indians from the gulf to the head of the Brason and Colorado. _____ a few years quit the rangers and went into a small _____ business with a man named Jackson between Sanantonia and the Riogrand. But soon

Col. French begin to raise men to goe to Nicaragua in Central America on what was called filibustering. They went by water and when they got there they went up a little river called San Juan on an old steamboat, but before they landed the boiler busted and kille some and throwed a good many into the river. They now destitute and helpless my brother with many others determined to return. They found an old flat on the river and floated down the river without guns. Just as they got to the mouth of the river they saw the Nicaraguians pursuing them to capture or kill them but fortunately there was a British man of war lying there. They hoisted a signal of distress and the British captain warned the Nicaraguians not to fire on them and they submited to his order and he took our folk on his ship and carried them to New Orleans at his own expense. Several of our[?] folks were sick with chronic diarea and some died on the way and were buried in the ocean. My brother had been sick some time when he got to Orleans without a cent of money but some means he got to Marion Station and I got word and went after him. I found him very low so sent for my old friend Dr. Keith but had heard all about his case and sent me word that he could not help him and did not come. I then as I had done twice before in other very bad cases with others I took the case myself. I took two ounces of flour of charcoal and one pint of new milk and put in an iron pot and heated it to boiling heat. I then bottled it and give him two tablespoonfulls per day. In 2 weeks he was well. I loaned him a horse and give him twenty five dollars and told him to travel round among friends and relatives for some time. But he soon become impatient and went the railroad and commenced keeping a little retail business. But winter soon come and I was in Mobile on business. When I got home I found him relapsed in the same diarea and too low for any help. He died about the 15th of Feby 1858. He was a portly[?] fine looking man over 6 ft 2 inches high, friendly and social and but for the indulgence of his father after his mother died he certainly would have made a worthy and useful citizen.

The next in course is my youngest sister and child named for her mother Elizabeth. She was quite a _____ when her mother died and lived with brother John after father quit keeping house. She married Wash Head and went to Louisiana and he soon died. She was then brought back to brother Johns and lived there till she married John C. Ellerbe and has raised five or six children. One of her sons is a Baptist preacher but I will close this du[ll?] narrative by giving a memorandum of my children's life and death. You will have to read this sketch like the Jews do their bible, begin at last page and turn over to the left. Even the lines in their bible read from right to left.

NOTE: This diary was typed from a xerox copy of the original. I left the spelling as it appeared in the original; however, for clarity, (1) I changed the paragraphing because the original had very little paragraphing, (2) I changed the capitalization at times due to irregularities, and (3) I added use of periods and commas to give more structure to the sentences (which often ran together for many lines because commas were almost nonexistent and periods looked like commas). Any writing in brackets and words entirely omitted or partly missing, as signified as a blank underline, are my marks because the original was not readable. The original appeared to be written by hand on a legal-length note pad when J.M. Trussell was 76 years old.

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Llano County Texas 11 July 1885

Thinking it might be interesting to my children, and posterity I here commence a diary of my life and a reminiscence of events and a family record

- My Father James Trussell was born in Frederick County Virginia the 11 day of May 1770 ~~and was~~ And was brought up in Chester District (now County) South Carolina And was baptised into the Baptist Church the 3rd sabbath in July 1803. He was a Deacon of the Church for many years in good standing, he died the 18th October 1860 age 90 years 5 months and seven days, After living with me 23 years - My Mother was born in Chester District SC about 4th January 1781 her maiden name was Tyles She died in Green County Ala the 30th day of September 1830 - She was a devoted Member of the Baptist Church from early life. She said some months (before she was taken sick) that she would die that year. When I left on a journey on the 24th Augst. before one month and seven days before she died. She hung to me in her feelings and followed me a short distance and begged me not to stay long I had business to attend to in South Carolina and Georgia she lamented that she could not see me before she died. Death found her ready she never shouted in Church but shouted and praised God to her last breath and met her Saviour smiling and rejoicing and singing that familiar hymn. And let this feeble body fail. Thus passed a true mother my best friend from Earth to Heaven

Her name was Elizabeth
my Father called her Betsey

my Mother was of Irish parents who emigrated to South
 Carolina perhaps at an early day of that Colony her
 Mothers maiden name was Cockrel. There was quite a
 large connexion of the Lyles Cockrels and prices and other
 in the time of the revolutionary war and as far as I ever
 heard they were all true and fought for their Country there
 were some prominent men among my Mothers people such
 as Maj Anderson, Martin and Col Wm Lyles and his brothers
 all served in the War of 1776 Gov Wm Carroll of Tennessee
 one of Genl Jacksons prominent generals was a Kinsman
 of my dear mother and for whom she named her fifth
 son she was true to her friends and country and as sentiment-
 tal and brave as she was tender hearted and sympathetic
 she was firm in training her children to industry truth
 and honesty And ^{when} duty required her to correct or punish
 her children she would often shed tears, she taught them
 to shun a tattler as worse than a thief, she was visited
 in her last sickness by some very prominent women
 and all good neighbors who viewed her as they said
 There is a mother in Israel gone, But alas now fiftyfive
 have passed and still the voice and features of that name
 next to Heaven the dearest, is plain and visible to my
 mind, And now may her shining example be constantly
 impressed upon myself my children relatives and friends
 that like her we may sing at the last moments
 O may my last expiring breath
 his loving kindness sing in death,

My Father had two uncles William and Matthew Trussell
 who settled in South Carolina and raised families. His
 uncle John Trussell went with the Virginia blues,
 under Washington in 1755 to the Indian war or Braddock's
 defeat and never returned to Virginia and was not heard of
 any more. My grandfather Trussell descended from English
 parents but was probably of Italian descent as I have never
 heard of but two families of foreign birth of this name one in
 the State of Maine and one in North Carolina both of Italy. My
 mother's maiden name was Asher and of Virginia birth
 & had two brothers and a sister born in South Carolina. My oldest
 brother John Trussell was a fine looking man about 6 ft 2 in
 high well formed and weighed about 175 pounds. Soon after
 the war of 1812 when very young he was elected Captain of
 Militia. When a military office was a great honor he served
 about 6 years, he afterwards filled various offices with great
 honor and satisfaction to the people he was a plain unassuming
 man of the strictest honesty and sincerity he was loved
 and honored by his neighbors and all good people that knew
 him he was a kind husband and father his servants loved
 him. He died the 30th December 1852 aged about 54 years.
 At the time I was 20 years old up to his death a term of 24
 years we had as partners and Administrators transacted and
 settled 15 or sixteen thousand dollars in business and we
 never disagreed or disputed over any thing in conduct or business
 for it was in every thing a manifestation of the kindest feel-
 ings. My next brother Joseph Trussell was taken to Kentucky thence to Tennessee
 and Alabama where was raised to manhood he was a stout
 man 6 feet 4 inches high he did not with a very limited
 education in the above unsettled acquire much

He too many youngsters he loved fun and frolic too well to shed
 much. He went to the river Tombigbee and engaged in running
 keel boats with hooks and poles before steamboats were put on
 the river and afterwards piloted a steamboat one year and the
 next a year or so he settled down and became very steady and
 married a very worthy widow named Price her first husband
 was a very good citizen named Cuthbert Price a distant relation
 of our mother her maiden name was Margaret Straight my bro-
 ther owned a good farm in a good community but had sold
 it with a view to move to Mississippi where brother John and
 myself lived. His wife owned a negro woman and four
 children counting one that had not quite come to birth.
 after my brother sold out he bought a negro man a stranger
 that had lately been brought in from some of the old states soon
 after my brother bought the negro Mr Butler paid over five
 hundred dollars to my brother that he Butler owed me this
 The negro saw just at the time of the noted cold Friday and Satur-
 day 5 & 6th Feb. 1835 in rebuilding my brother had not had
 time to put a floor in the negro house so he told the negroes
 to come in his house and sleep by the fire while it was so cold.
 At a late hour in the night the negro went out and brought in
 an ax and went to the bed and sunk the ax up to the handle
 in my brother's head and then hacked his wife so as to cut her
 all in several places and then hit the negro woman ^{with the po} ~~in several~~
~~the~~ ax she ran into the yard and died, he then struck at the
 old boy but did not prevent him from making his
 escape he then rided the house and set the curtains on fire
 and left my brother's wife was able to drag him out in the yard
 burning but forgot her baby and it and a little
 was in the house my brother's wife never got

Their large negro girl was living from home at that time the
 negro boy give the alarm and my brother Mathew and
 the neighborhoods around were soon in pursuit of him.
 The murder was committed on Saturday night but all the
 efforts had failed till Monday night when my brother and
 two faithful friends after riding till a late hour over
 ice and frozen ground came on him where Mr Everitt and
 his negro man had captured him, when they got him to my
 father he was badly frost bit he had lost one shoe and they made
 him wade Trussells Creek where the water was 2 feet deep and
 the ford slanted up the creek about 40 yards. Early Tuesday morn-
 ing the people was coming to gether to continue to hunt for him
 then they saw the negro they began to prepare to burn him
 but my brother Mathew being a sworn magistrate could
 not do it without perjuring himself some of the friends
 took Mathew away but before they got ready to burn him
 another magistrate came among them and he had to be tried
 and condemned by the County Judge which was done in the
 shortest time possible but the effect of freezing and hot Irons
 did not let him live to be hung My brother Joseph was about
 1 year old at his death My oldest sister also born in South Carolina
 was married in Green County Alabama to Martin Johnson
 and was named Mourning she lived to have 6 children and then
 died 30th Sept 1837 on the same day of the same month 7 years after
 her mother. Her husband was descended from the same stock
 as Dick Johnson Vice President and the great Joseph E Johnson
 the next was my brother Mathew born in Kentucky the 6
 Nov 1806 and died in Green County Ala where he was mostly
 lived on 16 April 1839 aged 33 yrs 1 month & 10 days he was a
 great firmness & member of the baptist Church in

1) At about 17 age of 17 yrs through the influence of ^{Dr} Lytle
 and the Stantons and other men of wealth and influence he
 was elected Bailiff in the beat where he was mostly raised he
 made good use of the limited opportunity he had for an education
 and through industry and economy he was able to get married
 and settle himself on a good place he had bought and paid for while
 he was yet young he married Mary Saunders a nice woman of a
 good family connexion to wit Mrs Bissel of Green County Ala and
^{came early} ex sheriff of Sumpter County Ala, and Phil Gully long a sheriff of
 Kemper County Mississippi, he was elected Esqr soon after he was
 married and held the office as long as he would accept it. In a beat
 where there was many talented and wealthy men he was a successful far-
 mer and gained in property very fast. But with a view to move to Missi-
 sippi he had bought a tract of land with a saw and grist ^{mill with some cattle} in ^{Laurens} ^{County}
 before he sold out in Alabama, he came to my house about
 inst. April and spent a short time with me and left for home on the
 way he was taken unwell but got home and grew worse till the day
 on the 16th day of April 1838, and was buried near his beloved Mother
 thus passed from earth to heaven another good man lamented by all - All
 good men that knew him rich or poor high or low, much of his char-
 acter in private and public life could be traced to his mother's training
 and by his death a link in the chain of a mother's influence had been
 severed and his poor fatherless children were robbed of that great ben-
 efit of ^{good} mother's influence. The next in course of birth was myself
 a fourth son I was born in Franklin County (now Coffee County)
 not very far from Winchester ^{Tennessee} on the head of Elk river on
 the 26th December 1808, After two or three years more fatherless
 from Trussell's Cove as it was then called to Lincoln County and
 settled ten miles from Fayetteville on the head of Mulberry Creek
 for the whole country was covered with large cane or wild pea vine

The timber ^{was} very large ^{and} on the hills and valleys the same I can well
 remember the ~~the~~ canes poplars lymns black and white walnuts the
 orange poplars black Cherry trees three kinds of hickory honeylocust
 buckeyes 2 or 3 feet through ash and above all the sugar tree or
 red where I had to watch the Camp in the woods while my Father
 and Mother and older children were going round to the trees they
 tapped to get the water and bring it to the Camp fire and boil it
 in large pots & Kettle into the best sugar I have ever saw. It was
 here I first saw my dear old Mother sitting and spinning flax on her
^{and singing scraps like} wheel. I also recollect seeing hemp growing ⁱⁿ fields and I think
 I spun some hemp there. I first heard my uncles tell about the
 battles they had been in under Jackson and Carroll in the Indian
 war and the great battle of New Orleans. Many incidents and
 anecdotes of these wars here presents themselves to my mind but I
 have not space here to recite them. In the fall of 1815 my Father
 moved to the head of Cahawba river in St. Clair County Ala.
 and saw the first Indian which frightened me very bad
 and early in the Spring of 1816 sold his improvement and moved to Tuscaloosa
 County eight miles below the falls of the Black Warrior river. he
 saw the falls and the beautiful level along side the falls where there
~~was some~~ Indian Camps made of pine barks but he said there would be
 no more there and he did not want to live in a town, he went to work
 in the most beautiful place he settle as there was ^{no} settlers before him
 he had to depend on corn hauled there from Tennessee and sold at 4
 shillings for 50 pounds but necessity is called the Mother of invention
 he had heard of the old ^{Spanish} French Town of Mobile so he went to work
 and made a batteau of two large Cypress logs dugout and doveled
 together and sent brother John with Martin Adams and Jonathan
 to Mobile this was the first boat that had even been carried
 from Tuscaloosa to Mobile by white men. They brought ^{up} barrels of
 toll in Mobile and some rice at high price and the first time
 I ever saw ~~with~~ directions from an old negro how to plan

But the year 1816 has been called the year without summer, since
 winter was the year without rain from May till white frost and
 it for a field Father cleared in the cane brake on the river and cul-
 tured without plow or fence he would still have been without corn
 it being made from the rich red soil and limestone sediment it proved
 years of rain to be the best corn land I ever saw 100 bushel to an acre
 as not uncommon In 1817 My Father made a fine crop of corn and a
 well crop of cotton the first I ever saw growing no gins we had to
 pick the seed out with our fingers for all the cloth we got to wear
 wealt the man came along and bought my fathers improvement
 for \$500.00 and he moved about one mile and built a house and in
 18 Cultivated river land 2 miles from home at this time the country
 as settling up very fast and there was a school made for 3 months and
 ten learning my A B C's at home I got to go 2 months and one week and
 gain to read and spell in the class with the other ~~class~~ scholars while
 my Father was gone on a trip to hunt a place to move to my Mother
 gave me a dollar and sent me to the mill to get coffee I gave it to the
 merchant and he gave me out half pounds of coffee for it there had been
 my little if any coffee used in our country before Sassafras and other
 as would do us then and no sugar after we left Tennessee 1st January
 my Father with his family forded the Warrior river on his way
 settle near the Tombigbee river near a large creek that is still called
 Ten his name and near where brother John and myself afterwards
 established a ferry known by our name After helping my father
 improve his place the settlement soon got strong enough to have a
 school in a little log house with dirt floor and no plank about it
 employed a very sorry teacher 3 months then another for 3 months
 not to go so me to each one afterwards they employed a good teacher for
 months but it was my misfortune to lose 2 months of the six by having
 a cold fastid and shaking ague then very common but in the 4 months
 became the best speller as I ever afterwards was in nine others a little
 one and but little all there I learned how to make progress in learn-
 ing and how to manage and teach a school successfully to my teacher
 Mr. D. O'ear I give credit for my great success afterwards as a teacher
 when I was near 20 years old I went 4 1/2 months to a country school
 miles from home I studied Arithmetic and got a head of my
 teacher in Murrays Grammar I then went to Dr. Bens Con-
 16 miles from Father and took a school of 17 scholars all I could
 get before 6 months my school run up to 45 And for 3 months
 my school would have went up to 50 but I could not do so
 any more than 45 after that 9 months they would not en-
 d else until I refused to take the 100.00. & any more.

I then went to Tuscaloosa and went in to a city College for 3 months I studied Arithmetic and Rhetoric grammar each one half the time for 3 months. The professor said he had taught hundreds of young men in the last sixteen years but I had excelled in rapid learning any he had ever taught before the 3 months was out I was offered fifty dollars per month to keep bar in a large hotel the old head teacher offered to turn off his assistant and let me in his place if I would hear the class in English four hours in each day he would give me my board and all the balance of each day with the use of any of his books in every branch of literature while there I was treasurer of the city debating society and the and the friend and peer of Wm R Smith towards Governor and Congressman from Alabama for 14

years also Wm S Meek my equal in age and learning and his son Alexander afterwards a Judge and other young men of wealth. But my older brothers had left father and he and my sisters were lonesome and needed one for company and help so I went home and run his mills 2 years and settled up all his outstanding business and then offered to build his mills but he declined any further trouble with them and soon sold them with one of the best places in Alabama I then joined my oldest and best brother in running a pole cat from Gainesville on the Tombigbee (as it was then called) up the Osage river (now called Osage) I carried corn meat groceries and dry goods for the new settlers in that part of the Choctaw purchase for 2 winters and made some money. In the summer of 1833 while the river was too low for boating I kept a school in Osage County near it, a wife fathered she went to school to me, when my school closed they offered to double my wages if I would continue but I declined and went running my boat. About the first of April 1834 I quit boating and on 8th May 1834 I married Susannah Slaughter Parke An. Eve-ry ferry and boat And Brother John and I moved in to the County Mississippi I moved in October of the same

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 with five places in each room above and below with two rooms
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 windows with good folding blinds I had 2 large folding leaf tables
 of cherry the other walnut with most of my furniture and a
 book case with many valuable books burned the form of my house
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 the dining room and see the kitchen room and the smoke house
 but the Lord chasteth whom he will, and we can only say
 the Irishman, when fortune smiles we ride in chairs but
 then fortune frowns we walk bejore here my first wife the
 mother of my living children lived 15 year 4 months and ten days
 had no enemies among her neighbors she seemed to know how to
 talk and who to talk to here my youngest brother A. J. Trussell died
 and a very old man my Uncle Moses Payne a revolutionary soldier
 and he was a good man next my father that had lived with me
 17 years died then the war came on and my oldest child a son
 at Vicksburg with his sword on he was said to be a very good
 officer and had no enemies in his regiment and was rising to
 a very fast

2) In that war I lost nearly all my best neighbors
 best neighbors and friends Also my son by my 1st c
 Joseph E. Johnson died there aged 3 yrs 1 month and 27 days he was
 a mild self possessed and very intelligent with all the features
 that of a natural orator but the time of tribulation had come
 and I had to bear my share in the loss of children relatives and
 friends with much property but God does all things for the best
 the next in course is my sister Henry Fick's she had six boys
 and two daughters 5 of her sons are dead her daughters and so
 living in East Texas she was living not long ago over 74 years
 a mild quiet good woman and I think a good Christian
 the next in course was my sister Susan ^{usally} she died some 12 or
 13 months ago in East Mississippi both these sisters has lived
 widows for more than 30 years Next in course is Bro John
 J. J. he will be 69 years old next April he married a good
 woman who became ^{the mother} of several daughters and three sons he
 was a poor manager and I had to help him a good deal
 in raising his children his oldest son Van died in the war
 his other sons seem to be doing well his wife died a few years
 ago and he has married again and living near where he first
 lived in East Miss. The next in course is my Brother John
 J. J. he was born 15th March about 1822 he
 was left without a mother at little over 4 years old he had good
 natural sense but his old father indulged him and he soon
 traveled round and went to Texas in 1841 and like most others
 soon liked to travel round all needed them days was a horse and a
 blanket he could get plenty of dried beef and butter milk and cost
 him plenty of grass for his mustang pony after engaging in some
 business he returned to Miss and him + John Carson built
 Tavern in old Marion for Southey Fisher he then made a
 run for Tax assessor but was beat by a very popular
 man here remained in Newton and Leakeville Counties until
 he was with Mexico he being from home when the company
 was formed he went in as private but a vacancy soon occurred
 and he was elected Lieutenant and served through that war he then
 came home and remained about 3 years he merchanted in Leake
 county and was elected Colonel of Militia but soon left for Texas
 there he carried his sword as a ranger traveling up and down in the
 country from the Gulf to the head of the Brazos + Colorado

a few years he quit the rangers and went into a small
 truck business with a man named Jackson between Canton
 and the Rio Grand, But soon Col French began to raise men
 to go to Nicaragua in central America on what was called
 filibustering they went by water and when they got there they
 went up a little river called San Juan on an old steam boat
 but before they landed the boiler busted and killed some and
 throwed a good many in to the river they now destitute and
 helpless my brother with many others determined to return
 they found an old flat on the river and floated down the river
 without guns just as they got to the mouth of the river they
 saw the Nicaraguans pursuing them to capture or kill
 them but fortunately there was a British man of war lying
 there they hoisted a signal of distress and the British Captain
 warned the Nicaraguans not to fire on them and they
 submitted to his order and he took our folk on his ship and
 carried them to New Orleans at his own expense several of
 our folks were sick with chronic diarrhea and some died on
 the way and were buried in the ocean my brother was
 even sick some time when he got to Orleans without a
 cent of money but some means he got Marion Station
 and I got word and went after him I found him very weak
 sent for my old friend Dr Keith but had heard all about
 his case and sent me word that he could not help him
 and did not come I then as I had done twice before
 in other very bad cases with others I took the case myself
 took two ounces of flour of charcoal and one pint of
 cow milk and put it in an iron pot and heated it to
 boiling heat then bottled it and give him two table spoon
 fulls per day in 2 weeks he was well I loaned him
 horse and and give him twenty five dollars and told him
 to travel round among friends and relatives for some
 time But he soon become impatient and went the rail road
 we commenced keeping a little retail business But winter
 soon come and I was in Mobile on business when I got home
 found him relapsed in the same diarrhea and too low
 for any help he died about the 15th of Feb'y 1858 he was a portly
 looking man over 6 ft 2 inches high friendly and social and
 for the indulgence of his father after his mother died he certainly
 would have made a worthy and useful citizen

The next in course is my youngest sister and
 child named for her mother Elizabeth. She was quite a ^{new}
 when her mother died and lived with brother John (after
 father quit keeping house) she married Wash Flood and went
 to Louisiana and he soon died she was then brought back
 to brother John and lived there till she married John
 C. Ellerbe and has raised five or six children one of
 her sons is a Baptist preacher but I will close this
 narrative by giving a memorandum of my childrens
 life and death.

You will have to read this sketch like the Jews do their
 Bible begin at last page and turn over to the left
 even the lines in their Bible read from
 right to left

Robertson Cty, TN

The Strickland Family

This record was given me by Bartley Willis an old field school teacher, forty-five years ago. He was at that time in his eighty-fourth year but a remarkably well preserved man, alert both physically and mentally.

John Strickland, senior emigrated from North Carolina December 1803 with his family of twelve children, nine daughters and three sons - John, Henry and Larkin were his sons and Nancy, Elizabeth, Delilah, Sallie, Dicy, Susan, Jane, Martha, and Margaret. They married as follows: Henry married Elizabeth Ritter (They were my great grand parents), John married Elizabeth Henderson and Larkin wed Matilda Jackson. Nancy to Benjamin Trussell, Elizabeth to John Chapman, Delilah to William Reynolds, Sallie to William Rice, Dicy to James Rice, Susan married in West Tennessee and Uncle Bartley could not recall his name, Jane to John Damons and Martha and Margaret were never married.

John Strickland, Senior settled on a farm in what is now the third (3rd) district of Robertson County. This farm has been since known as the Tom Sprouse farm and was owned at the time I received this record by John Wesley Cook. Elizabeth Ritter and John Strickland had one daughter Betty she married a Mr. Shye, and one son John who married Elizabeth Stark youngest daughter of Arthur Pitt and his wife - a Miss Kirkland, John and his wife. With his daughter and son in law emigrated to West Tennessee and died and were buried there.

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and
Farmer McIntosh

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McIntosh
records (on microf.)

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LETTER from L.L. Trussell, Fordyce, Arkansas.
to Mr. R.B. Trussell, Houston, Texas

10/30/46

Mr. R.B. Trussell

Huston, Tex - P.O. 337

Cousin Bob:

Bro. W.H. of Los Angeles is here on a vacation and had your letter to him. He had forgotten you. I told him I was sure he knew you at Warren, Ark.

When I was with J.T. Edrington Co. 1902, a salesman told me of your father. He wrote me that was the first time he had heard from his Uncle John (my grandfather) since he left Miss. or Tenn. I also had letters from your sister and others of our name - Monteagle, Tenn., Miss., Ala. & Mo. I only found one family that did not date their ancestry to Benj. Trussell - Monteagle, Tenn., except when in Calif. there was a family I went to see at Escandido & San Diego from Mo.

I am glad to hear of your interest in this family name - I have loved so long. I am most an invalid past 4 yrs, not active in business. Now 72 1/2 yrs. My father was 78 - grand father 70 -

I will be glad to see your findings of the family - My Uncle John's son J.W. Trussell, 1918 Central Ave, Hot Springs, has a family tree of Grandfather's family, write him.

I shall never forget a compliment I heard of your father when on a buying trip to St. Louis an Chicago - They never knew a Trussell in business except myself and Mr. R.B. of Simsboro, La. and that he was too honest and accommodating to succeed.

Uncle John's son Joe has a home 2302 Prospect Houston - I'll be glad to see you should you ever pass this way.

L.L. Trussell

P.S. Bro. Will may be in Huston next week on his return to Los Angeles.

Excerpt of Letter from Irene Trussell Williams
to her sister, Vivian Derby
1967

In the following letter, "Aunt Dicy" is Dicy Trussell, Arkansas County, Arkansas, who married Edward Simpson. She was the daughter of James Henry and Mary (Mollie) Gardner Trussell. Written by Irene Trussell Williams, Dicy's niece, to Irene's sister, Vivian Derby, the letter teaches us about Dicy's compassion and doubt about "bread cast upon the waters."

"The content of this letter, which I wrote to my sister and which recounted all Aunt Dicy, age 88, told me of her life, expresses to me the character and spirit of the Trussell family I have known who are descended from James H. Trussell. They are all kind, gentle, generous, and loving people. They live by Christian principles, always giving a helping hand to loved ones and neighbors. To me, Aunt Dicy was one who embodied that character." -Irene Trussell Williams.

...Now, about Aunt Dicy. I hadn't seen her in 20 years, and of course, she looked different at 88 than at 68, but not as feeble as I had expected. Her mind is alert, she had on white oxfords with rubber soles that made her feel sure of not slipping on slick floors, walked as erect as possible, and didn't want anyone to help her out doors of the car or make her feel helpless. She wore at lunch a new print shift she had made for herself from a pattern she ordered out of the paper. Then, at dinner she changed to a pretty black she had made.

They provide a machine at the home, but no one except Aunt Dicy is able to use it. She said she goes to the sewing room or reads to pass the time because all others are mentally ill. It must be true. Certainly, all I saw were. Her room-mate is quite "off" and three others wandered in and out as we talked.

The home is a lovely place both outside and inside, but as she said, she feels like she is still useful, and there, she can only look forward to becoming as they are. She has only their bed and their chest and it is nice to grow old among your own things and sleep in a room without a stranger - especially an unbalanced one.

I got a new insight regarding the objections old people have to rest homes after my visit with her. of course, her situation is as Daddy's - money.

While Valeria was gone to visit Sonny Aunt Dicy asked Olevia to take her to DeWitt. She got on the phone and called everywhere she knew to try to rent a room. Then she got out and walked a few places. When she went back she asked Olevia to rent her their spare room. So Olevia explained to her that Valeria put her in the home for her safety because she might have another heart attack alone or fall or

burn herself cooking. Then, Olevia told me she looked out the window and said, "You know, I've been thinking back over all the years when I took in my home every member of my family. I took care of Allen and Martin when they were 4 and 6 until Pa married again. After that I married and then Allen and John and Martin and Rasty would stay with me most of the time. Ed and I moved to West Texas about ten years later, then all of them came out to help us make a crop because they wanted to leave home. I cooked for all of them and had Archie and a baby that died. Then when all my nieces and nephews and grandchildren came along and things happened so that they needed a place to stay, I never turned one away. They have all stayed with me at one time or another. I took care of them sick and played with them when they were hurt and loaned them money when I didn't have much. Now, they all have big houses, fine cars, and doing well, and not one of them will take me in and very few come to visit me or ask me to their home even for a few days. All they tell me is that I should be glad I am in this home with all these crazy people to live out the rest of my life."

Isn't that just the saddest thing? And every word true. It really shook me up too because I was one of them.

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Excerpts from AUNT ETHEL TRUSSELL BELTZ's LETTER and
MAP of PATTSVILLE, ARKANSAS written to her nephew
GARLAND TRUSSELL of NORTH CAROLINA about 1985

Remember, Walter married in 1906, when I was 11, and I know we never received any money in a letter and he only came home once a year. He didn't have a lot of money. His help came when he worked at Edrington's before he married. Ma's engenuity raised her 8 children & she kept her mother until she died. Pa saw that we had a home (620A.). I am so thankful to be raised! Ma had it hard - don't tell me. She did a good job. She had above average education. Learned a lot from Pa: a teacher. Wrote well. When she read are she called it air. They said, "Where air you going? She learned it was are after I was going to school. I wouldn't let her say air. I would correct her.

Dolphus was born in Drew Co. on the McGough Place near Longview October 22, 1876, after they married Dec. 30, 1875, and moved to the McGough place. The only one born elsewhere than 1/2 mi. from original.

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Pattsville, Arkansas

Store

House

Billy



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4 mile long Highway. We were in the middle

2 Mi.

E. Should be over here of course

The old Millie Place, back then Joneses, now Ethel's

Moved here from near Meridian Miss. when Ben was 11 years old, in 1857. (Born 1846)

Ben

Ben

They carried by hand most of the move

Allen

Ben

Spring Branch

2 Mi.

Alice

Grand Pa

Johnny

Jimmy

Johnsville Road

Billy

0.5 mi from Sumpter, Snake Creek

(from Garland's (of N.C.) Aunt Ethel)

Sumpter - "Mann's town"

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Patterson

Billy

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Shed like for some of woods.

2 mi.

Joe Allen (place, back then, gone now, & this)

Bar

Deben

Jimmy

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2 mi.

Billy

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No. 10. Most of the time from the Patterson place.

1/2 mile from Dempster, Snake Creek.

Alice

Johnville Road

(From the land of the 2nd of Nov.)

St. Mary's (from the land of the 2nd of Nov.)

Relationship Chart

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0	CP	son	g. son	g. g. son	g. g. son	g. g. son	g. g. son	g. g. son	g. g. son	g. g. son	g. g. son
1	son	bro	neph	g. neph	g. g. neph	g. g. neph	g. g. neph	g. g. neph	g. g. neph	g. g. neph	g. g. neph
2	g. son	neph	1st cous	1st cous	1st cous	1st cous	1st cous	1st cous	1st cous	1st cous	1st cous
3	g. g. son	g. neph	1R	2nd cous	2nd cous	2nd cous	2nd cous	2nd cous	2nd cous	2nd cous	2nd cous
4	2	g. g. neph	2R	1R	3rd cous	3rd cous	3rd cous	3rd cous	3rd cous	3rd cous	3rd cous
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6	4	g. g. neph	4R	3R	2R	1R	5th cous	5th cous	5th cous	5th cous	5th cous
7	5	g. g. neph	5R	4R	3R	2R	1R	6th cous	6th cous	6th cous	6th cous
8	6	g. g. neph	6R	5R	4R	3R	2R	1R	7th cous	7th cous	7th cous
9	7	g. g. neph	7R	6R	5R	4R	3R	2R	1R	8th cous	8th cous
10	8	g. g. neph	8R	7R	6R	5R	4R	3R	2R	1R	9th cous

abbreviations

bro = brother

cous = cousin

CP = Common Progenitor

g. neph = grand nephew

g. son = grandson

g. g. neph = great-grand nephew

g. g. son = great-grandson

neph = nephew

son = son or daughter

R = generation removed

1. Locate position of family representative or yourself in left double-lined column marked 1-10
2. Locate position of person you are figuring relationship for by finding his direct descent from the Common Progenitor (C.P.) in the top double-lined column 1-10.
3. Your relationship to the other person will be found where these two lines cross.

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